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January 4, 2010, 2:06 pm  
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In addition to what follows, when has a socialistic society prospered? The Soviet Union went broke under this premise, and China succeeds only by taking advantage of the many free markets that are out there. We have proof socialism doesn't prosper, and I do not want a socialistic internet, either.

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January 4, 2010, 2:15 pm  
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January 4, 2010, 2:19 pm  
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To put it bluntly, the Internet is the great thing it is precisely BECAUSE of the lack of government control. Don't screw it up.

Mike Abels  
January 4, 2010, 2:20 pm  
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Why would the Government want to own the internet for the People? Leave well enough alone! Why would the Government want to own the internet? Taxation? Restriction and control? Anyone who wants access can get access, just pay for it themselves or go somewhere where there is public access.

HANDS OFF WHAT IS NOT YOURS!@#\$\$%^&\*()\_+} {"':?><,./':[]=-\|

W> David Abernethy  
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I have yet to see a government operated business do well financially. Look at Medicare, Medicaid, TARP, Cash for Clunkers, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the Stimulus Programs. None of them have been funded properly, oversight is horrible and corruption is rampant.

John Abraham  
January 4, 2010, 2:25 pm  
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New Castle, Pennsylvania 16101

Stay the hell out of the internet. You guys are trying to control everything that we say. I don't need the government to control everything in our daily lives. You guys can't even control your own lives.

LEAVE US ALONE!!

Steve Ackerman  
January 4, 2010, 2:25 pm  
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We do not need nor want, and will oppose, even fight, any government intrusion into the area of internet control. There is no problem in this area, therefore no solution is needed. It is not broken, and any disguised attempt to impose government control will be viewed by millions of Americans like myself as an unjust violation of our inherent, constitutionally guaranteed freedoms.

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Helen Adamietz  
January 4, 2010, 2:26 pm  
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I believe the internet is a major component in maintaining not just the free flow of information, but most importantly the FREE FLOW of FREEDOM.

Don't let the government screw it up like everything else they touch.

Christopher Adams  
January 4, 2010, 2:27 pm  
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tracey Adams  
January 4, 2010, 2:28 pm  
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**STAY OUT OF OUR BUSINESS!**

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January 4, 2010, 2:28 pm  
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Dennis Aderholt  
January 4, 2010, 2:29 pm  
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**THIS IS ALL ABOUT POWER AND CONTROLL, AND THE FACT THAT THE UN WANTS TO CONTROLL ALL OF US. THIS MUST BE STOPED IN ITS TRACKS NOW!!!!**

Michele Adler  
January 4, 2010, 2:31 pm  
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January 4, 2010, 2:35 pm  
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You have already taken or are trying to take away our rights to everything. This has got to stop, NOW!!!!

Phil Albert  
January 4, 2010, 2:40 pm  
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Gerald Alborn  
January 4, 2010, 2:40 pm  
14 Mikell Drive  
Dover, Delaware 19901

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Joan Alder  
January 4, 2010, 2:41 pm  
1203 Midvale Ct  
Hampstead, Maryland 21074

More control?! In the land of the FREE? Stop this madness!

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Michele Alder  
January 4, 2010, 2:42 pm  
1229 E 2200 N  
North Logan, Utah 84341

As a citizen of the United States of America, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The proposed take over and federalization of the internet to make it equitable, is non-American. My ability to use the internet and the access to all that I now have access to will change. My options will become limited. Government intervention is not needed and has a history of crippling growth with all its regulations. Also there is no recourse for the people when the government infringes and misuses its regulatory powers but with a private company people can fire them or sue.

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Brenda E. Aldi  
January 4, 2010, 2:43 pm  
20 Meadow Pond Road  
Hamburg, New Jersey 7419

I was alerted to this information at a TEA PARTY meeting this evening. As an American for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Lisa Aldrich  
January 4, 2010, 2:46 pm  
445 Chippewa Circle  
Sumter, South Carolina 29150

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May I ask this question: What part of Free Press do you not understand?

S Aldrich  
January 4, 2010, 2:46 pm  
P.O. Box 538  
Lincolnshire, Illinois 60069

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carmeleda Alexander  
January 4, 2010, 2:47 pm  
9125 Rocky Point Road  
Soddy Daisy, Tennessee 37379

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Lois Alexander  
January 4, 2010, 2:49 pm  
4043 Southampton Drive  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65109

The government, needs to stay out of our business and stop trying to take away our freedoms and access to services and taxing everything we eat, drink, use, or buy!. I think our internet sites need to be regulated to be made secure and a form of communication we can use freely and without fear of cyper hackers and getting our accounts broke into, things like that. American people need to have many forms of access and sites to choose how they wish to communicate, where it be by cell phone, landline phone, email, internet, twitter,facebook, whatever, We also need to have choice in what TV network we watch and should be able to get a well rounded view of everyone's perspectives, not JUST ONE SIDE, or one Political group.

We are watching Obama and his adimistration and their moves, since he lied about being open and transparent, and having the debate of health care on C span which he has not.

He is trying to sneak in too many things thru the back door and non announced or discussed or without given the public their option to vote for or against it.

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Alexander  
January 4, 2010, 2:51 pm  
140 Sweetgum Dr.  
Dover, Delaware 19904

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Lee and Carol Allee'  
January 4, 2010, 2:51 pm  
1291 Henry's Ln  
Loma, Colorado 81524-8400

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We do not need more government intrusion!

Ted Allegri  
January 4, 2010, 2:52 pm  
1045 Frink Rd  
Moscow, Idaho 83843

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I would further add that the dangerous left wing agenda in all matters before us like Health Care, Cap and Tax, and now this, is going to bring a revolution down upon their heads like no other ever seen. Enough is enough, and we Americans are upset and ticked off. They had better stop their corrupt and manipulative ways and stop trying to ruin this beautiful country. Ted Allegri

Scott Allen  
January 4, 2010, 2:52 pm  
459 Phyllis Dr.  
Fruita, Colorado 81521

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Thank You  
Scott Allen

Thomas Allen  
January 4, 2010, 2:53 pm  
6207 Haw Branch Court  
Manassas, Virginia 20112

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wendi allen  
January 4, 2010, 2:55 pm  
139 Hurt Dr  
Smyrna, Georgia 30082

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The government has no business regulating or controlling the Internet. A free Internet belongs to The People and does not need government intrusion in any way, shape or form. We do not need government regulations or oversight for the Internet. We need freedom and free market economics to work their wonders.

JOHN ALONGE  
January 4, 2010, 2:58 pm  
1820 DOHERTY ROAD  
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado 80916

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Anthony Altano  
January 4, 2010, 3:00 pm  
1043 Rulnick St.  
Apt. A  
Fayetteville, North Carolina 28304-2464

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Sincerely a Concerned Vet and American Patriot,

Anthony Altano  
January 4, 2010, 3:00 pm  
1043 Rulnick St.  
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Fayetteville, North Carolina 28304-2464

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Sincerely a Concerned Vet and American Patriot,

Georgia Alvis-Long  
January 4, 2010, 3:02 pm  
140 New Hope and Crimora Rd.  
Waynesboro, Virginia 22980-6403

The government has grown far too large and has way too many regulations as it is. It is time for the government to realize that the people of this great nation are "fed up with the fed". We do not want this to go forward. Private investment and Capitalism must be the highest priority for this Country to survive. TAKE THIS AS A FIRM "NO" TO YOUR PROPOSAL!!!!!!

Leona Joy Ambuehl  
January 4, 2010, 3:02 pm  
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Chatsworth, California 91311

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Basically - STAY OUT OF MY LIFE, GOVERNMENT!

Roberta Amley  
January 4, 2010, 3:02 pm  
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St. Petersburg, Florida 33704

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#316  
Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701

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The internet has become an essential tool for personal and business use. Keep it free and open for all to use and enjoy.

Jack Anastasi  
January 4, 2010, 3:05 pm  
8521 Windsong Valley Dr  
Wake Forest, North Carolina 27587

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Let free enterprise rule. I do not support any more government intrusion into our lives. The government has a proven track record of inefficiency, waste, and fraud. Why would anyone want to give the government more power is a mystery to me. The internet needs to remain strong. The only way to do that it to let the innovation, and private enterprise competition continue to create a better, faster, cheaper internet.

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powdersprings, Georgia 30127

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Beverly anderson  
January 4, 2010, 3:06 pm  
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Sarasota,, Florida 34231

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Charleen Anderson  
January 4, 2010, 3:09 pm  
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La Center, Washington 98629

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Leonard Anderson  
January 4, 2010, 3:10 pm  
801 10th Street NE  
East Wenatchee, Washington 98802

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Cary, North Carolina 27518

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Stephen Anderson  
January 4, 2010, 3:12 pm  
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Belton, Missouri 64012

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Connie Andres  
January 4, 2010, 3:12 pm  
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Sincerely,  
Jody Andrews

Francesco Angelini  
January 4, 2010, 3:13 pm  
1942 Grange Avenue  
Racine, Wisconsin 53403

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Debra Anthony  
January 4, 2010, 3:14 pm  
7950 Franklin Road  
Evans City, Pennsylvania 16033

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Kim Antoniou  
January 4, 2010, 3:15 pm  
10448 W. Coggins, Suite C  
Sun City, Arizona 85351

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Sandra Apanasewicz  
January 4, 2010, 3:19 pm  
7480 N Meadowpark Dr  
Walton Hills, Ohio 44146

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Terri Arbucci  
January 4, 2010, 3:21 pm  
2999 Smith Springs Rd - Apt J175  
Nashville, Tennessee 37217

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JoAnn Argentino  
January 4, 2010, 3:22 pm  
201 Teapot Court  
Reisterstown, Maryland 21136

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Do not take any more of our rights away from us!

Zdena Aris  
January 4, 2010, 3:22 pm  
3929 Leaffield Dr  
Austin, Texas 78749

As an American, I am submitting my support regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet.

K. Arling  
January 4, 2010, 3:24 pm  
2469 Franciscan Dr.  
Clearwater, Florida 33763

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Susan Arnberg  
January 4, 2010, 3:25 pm  
1040 N. Lake Shore Dr.  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

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Charles D arnett  
January 4, 2010, 3:26 pm  
210 bent Oak Circle  
HARVEST, Alabama 35749

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Jeanine arrigo  
January 4, 2010, 3:27 pm  
3499 westbury rd  
kettering, Ohio 45409

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Kaye Arwood  
January 4, 2010, 3:27 pm  
3411 Garth Road  
Baytown, Texas 77521

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Linda Ashburn  
January 4, 2010, 3:28 pm  
2065 N Luett Ave  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46222

As an American, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

Stay the heck out of it. This is not China. You have no right in controlling what or who is on the internet.

Ed Auger  
January 4, 2010, 3:28 pm  
3008 Dartmouth Drive  
Plano, Texas 75075

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Keep your hands off of our "free market" businesses. The Federal government has no business in business.

Jeannie Aviles  
January 4, 2010, 3:32 pm  
104 Deerglade Court  
Lexington, South Carolina 29072

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D Babb  
January 4, 2010, 3:32 pm  
11 Windsor Mews  
Cherry Hill, New Jersey 8002

As an American Patriot, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

It is against the very principles of our founding fathers and the rights guaranteed us all under the US Constitution. This must not be allowed to happen in the United States.

Albert Baciocco  
January 4, 2010, 3:33 pm  
747 Pitt Street  
Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29464

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Gerald & Charlene Backus  
January 4, 2010, 3:34 pm  
1073 S. Archers Way  
Nekoosa, Wisconsin 54457-8016

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Philip & Donna Badger  
January 4, 2010, 3:35 pm  
17411 Ficus Ct  
Spring, Texas 77388

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Darlene Baggett  
January 4, 2010, 3:35 pm  
1743 South Ave.  
Springfield, Missouri 65807

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Stay out of our affairs!!!

Patricia Bahl  
January 4, 2010, 3:35 pm  
7615 N Kansas Ave  
Gladstone, Missouri 64119

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Carolyn Bailey Family & Friends  
January 4, 2010, 3:36 pm  
5095 Debbie Ln  
Redding, California 96002

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Russell Bailiff  
January 4, 2010, 3:36 pm  
25394 Fackler Road  
Sunman, Indiana 47041

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Russell E. Bailiff

Vicky Bair  
January 4, 2010, 3:37 pm  
110 Blue Cedar  
Bull Shoals, Arkansas 72619

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I think that such a transformation of the Internet into a government-controlled public utility is a major policy change that should be debated in Congress, the legitimately elected legislative branch of government. The Commission should not on its own set into motion regulatory changes that will force us down this path.

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Martha Bajema  
January 4, 2010, 3:38 pm  
1300 E. Axton Rd.  
Bellingham, Washington 98226

I am utterly against this so-called "Open Internet" which the present Administration is planning to impose.

The Internet should be kept private; it should not be run/ruled/regulated by the Federal Govn't. (and it sucks that taxpayers are at the mercy of ruling "elites.")

Raymond & Rosemarie Bajer  
January 4, 2010, 3:39 pm  
1090 Half Hitch Road  
Prescott Valley, Arizona 86314

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Barbara Baker  
January 4, 2010, 3:40 pm  
10 Dawn Hill Drive  
Sandy, Utah 84092

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

This subject is more than "opinion" as to who manages the internet, as it is at the core of free speech, and the government should stay out. Government interference is already extremely visible in the control of the airwaves. The government's job is to keep them free, not to restrict them. People and markets would control them if government stopped interfering. Take the freedom to buy our own cars--this has made the whole industry, from production to possession a highly prosperous and pleasant freedom. Government interference by telling us how, what, and when we can produce or possess is negative.

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Please stop this takeover of individual freedom!

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Jennifer Baker  
January 4, 2010, 3:40 pm  
4402 Bridgeport  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28405

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We are still a democracy and I expect elected officials to act accordingly.

Mel Baker  
January 4, 2010, 3:41 pm  
1324 W. Wisconsin Ave. #305  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233

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America is unique to the rest of the world for the freedoms we enjoy. This legislation does not advance the cause of freedom but instead would put us in the league of lesser nations.

Wylie Baker  
January 4, 2010, 3:42 pm  
3650 Forestbrooj Rd #109  
Myrtle Beach,, South Carolina 29588

RE: GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

Simply put, you folks can not even run and enforce a simple legal ruling by a Federal Judge in Illinois against a gentleman by name of "Kevin Trudeau." Time Warner Cable is STILL RUNNING all his INFOMERCIALS on Cable!!!!

Trust you folks with internet? "Kevin Trudeau has bilked 100's of thousands of old folks out of money. Ordered to pay \$5 million bucks in restitution. Held in contempt of court many times. Banned in Conneticut. Banned in Missouri, Banned in Illinois and you folks want to run the INTERNET???? You simple jerks do not have the brains to run a tricycle much less the INTERNET!!

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Rita Bakos  
January 4, 2010, 3:43 pm  
PO Box 2006  
Ridgway, Colorado 814732

Regarding GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

Leave the internet as it is. No government regulation, supervision, oversight or taxes or anything else. It functions just fine now.

Michele Baldwin  
January 4, 2010, 3:43 pm  
11703 Huebner Rd. 106263  
San Antonio, Texas 78230

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Rodney Balke  
January 4, 2010, 3:43 pm  
4302 Pembroke Parkway West  
Colleyville, Texas 76034

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Furthermore, I strongly object to this Administration's grab of control in every facet of our lives. I do not want America to become a Socialist state.

Marice Ballesteros  
January 4, 2010, 3:44 pm  
13300 Locust ST  
Kansas City, Missouri 64145

I could just scream, stick my head out the window and say "I'm not going to take it anymore".  
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All I can say is that this last year has us citizens who believe in property rights and personal freedom about to bust a gut. What next..... tell me what health care I can have??? Oh yeah, that's coming too.

Mitchell Bank  
January 4, 2010, 3:44 pm  
PO Box 5904  
Hauppauge, New York 11788

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As a sovereign citizen, I am 110% against this course being taken.

Timothy Banks  
January 4, 2010, 3:46 pm  
27848 Red Arrow Hwy  
Mattawan, Michigan 49071

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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I personally oppose most attempts at government to regulate. Regulation precedes takeover and there is nothing the fascists in our government would love more than control of the content of the internet.

Adrian Banky  
January 4, 2010, 3:46 pm  
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Morristown, New Jersey 7960

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I could give you a lot of words, but I won't. The internet is a terrific modern tool that works best in an open and free environment. It is not broken. It does not need government to break it.

Leave it alone. Freedom is a good thing.

Michael Bantum  
January 4, 2010, 3:47 pm  
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San Jose, California 95125

FCC:

As a senior software engineer, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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January 4, 2010, 3:47 pm  
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Wyoming, Illinois 61491

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I will be watching closely to see how representatives vote, and my next vote will be in direct response to how they treat my freedom.

Jim Barbour  
January 4, 2010, 3:49 pm  
5844 Berkshire Ct.  
Alexandria, Virginia 22303

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It is an outrage to even think that such a "power grab" is actually being considered, and I for one am adamantly opposed to it. So opposed, in fact, that I am prepared to work tirelessly for votes against the Democratic incumbents in Congress and the White House who treat us with such disdain. And this comes from one (me) who has voted mostly Democratic throughout my entire life. No more, though. I, my wife, her mother and my parents no longer recognize a once great party that truly cared for its constituency, but which now pursues some un-American brazen agenda designed to turn this nation into another socialist state.

Michael Barile  
January 4, 2010, 3:51 pm  
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Leave the internet use alone, or citizens will use it to defeat those who support this abridgement of our rights and freedoms. Such a transformation of the Internet into a government-controlled public utility is a major policy change that should be debated in Congress, the legitimately elected legislative branch of government. The Commission should not on its own set into motion regulatory changes that will force us down this path.

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Linda Barkes  
January 4, 2010, 3:51 pm  
P.O. Box 589  
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curtis barnes  
January 4, 2010, 3:51 pm  
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Joey Barnes  
January 4, 2010, 3:53 pm  
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Powhattan, Kansas 66527

As an American for FREEDOM, PROSPERITY and the PURSUIT OF HAPINESS, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The Internet is the last bastion of freedom in the United States. It is the only social, economic tool at our disposal free from endless regulatory requirements and prying eyes of bureaucrats who success is measured by the level of pain, grief and monetary discomfort inflicted upon private entrepreneurs.

The internet also allows Americans to showcase their God given talents without bias or discrimination. You do not know whether the user is black, white, male, female, handicapped, gay, straight, transsexual or sitting naked in front of the computer screen.

The internet is also highly competitive. If you don't believe me, just ask AOL. There is no need to "regulate" on the guise of competition or consumer protection.

The Internet is free from government subsidy and control that inevitably gives way to the political winds and whims that favor one social/economic classification over another. Indeed, if the "public utility" model is the desired outcome of the internet, then I can only conclude that the proponents of regulation harbor seditious desires to control the freedom, wealth, and even the vary thoughts of the American public.

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In the absence of concrete evidence of discriminatory or anti-competitive behavior, there is simply no rationale for imposing new regulations to control this great engine of innovation, growth, and expression that the Internet has become.

Cynthia Barnett  
January 4, 2010, 3:53 pm  
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The Constitution has allowed free Americans to have freedom on speech and expression and now the government wants to get involved with the internet and that is wrong? Lawmakers, not the White House should be making decisions according to the voices of free Americans.

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January 4, 2010, 3:53 pm  
4703 COUNTRY CLUB BLVD.  
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NANCY J BARR  
January 4, 2010, 3:53 pm  
254 WINTER HAVEN DR  
CAMDEN, Delaware 19934

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Sheldon Barr  
January 4, 2010, 3:53 pm  
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Houston, Texas 77065-5014

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Respectfully,

Catherine Barrett  
January 4, 2010, 3:55 pm  
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January 4, 2010, 3:55 pm  
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Gary Baskin  
January 4, 2010, 3:55 pm  
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Gary Bass  
January 4, 2010, 3:55 pm  
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catherine batcheller  
January 4, 2010, 3:56 pm  
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Is there nothing that you will not try to control and regulate and in the end, destroy? There is nothing wrong with the internet as it functions now. Look at what it has become for goodness sake! What a gift to the world!! Leave freedom of speech and communication alone and leave Americans alone. We can think for ourselves believe it or not. Besides, is our economy not damaged enough as it is? You want to risk the loss of more successful private businesses? But that's your agenda isn't it? Soon there will be no private sector if you can have your strident, dictatorial and arrogant way. The will and well being of the people be damned.

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James Bateman  
January 4, 2010, 3:56 pm  
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Tool, Texas 75143

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In short it my firm belief that the Federal government has absolutely no good reason to, in effect, confiscate a private business enterprise. To proceed with the subject plan to ipso facto remake the internet into a "public utility" is a very suspect and dishonest, unconstitutional, socialistic and unAmerican misuse of federal authority. This nation is great because of our system of free enterprise. Government interference depresses that system and is totally inept in every attempt ever made to get any job done which business can do better.

The American people are sick and tired of these ill-advised attempts at increasing control of our lives. When our Freedom and Liberty are at stake we shall not accept such brazened attempts to limit what government cannot give us: our Freedom and Liberty.

Fredy Bates  
January 4, 2010, 3:56 pm  
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Lisa Bates  
January 4, 2010, 3:57 pm  
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Chicago, Illinois 60639

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Hands off of my Internet!

Jerod Batte  
January 4, 2010, 3:58 pm  
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Odessa, Texas 79761

As an American for Prosperity activist and a citizen deeply interested in electronic media and matters of free speech, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The Internet is - and should remain - highly competitive. Traditional telephone and cable companies have been locked in an intense struggle to win customers, and wireless is rapidly becoming another viable alternative to wired broadband connections. This capitalist system serves as a rudimentary check against marketplace corruption in Internet Service Providers (ISP). If a private company such as one of the aforementioned ISPs blocked or censored Internet traffic maliciously it would eventually lose all its customers, who would flock to another ISP. If government exercised control over the Internet, there would be no place for weary consumers to turn for relief.

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Please, do whatever is necessary to keep government hands off of the Internet! The survival of the growing online culture depends upon a free, open and competitive Internet market.

Lawrence Bau  
January 4, 2010, 3:59 pm  
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Laguna Woods, California 92637

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Steve Baumann  
January 4, 2010, 4:00 pm  
639 Pekin Ave  
East Peoria, Illinois 61611

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marcia Baumgartner  
January 4, 2010, 4:03 pm  
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Please, no government interference in the Internet as proposed in your "open internet" program. NO NO NO!

Gail Baxter  
January 4, 2010, 4:03 pm  
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Overland Park, Kansas 66211

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John Beane  
January 4, 2010, 4:04 pm  
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Thank you,

John Beane

Robert Beaton  
January 4, 2010, 4:05 pm  
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Takoma Park, Maryland 20912

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Michael Beauchane  
January 4, 2010, 4:05 pm  
2758 Old Highway 431 South  
Springfield, Tennessee 37172

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I want to make this plain and clear to those of you in D.C. , screw with my services that I pay for and I'll make it a point to come and pay each one of you a visit to express my outrage and anger , you will be held accountable!!

Anita Becker  
January 4, 2010, 4:06 pm  
5179 Miller Paul Rd.  
Westerville, Ohio 43082

I am AGAINST government running of the internet.

Please do not take any steps in that direction!

Perry Bee  
January 4, 2010, 4:07 pm  
3181 NE 23rd St.  
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Gresham, Oregon 97030

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This is a serious matter in which the American people need to decide and have. Our rights are not something that should be questioned.

Sincerely,  
Perry Bee

Thomas Beebe  
January 4, 2010, 4:08 pm  
69 Roosevelt Road  
Carbondale, Illinois 62901

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As an Amateur Radio operator I have watched the erosion of the "Ham" bands and the licensing requirements over the past 10 years. If this is any example of what you, the FCC, will do with the Internet, I have to say I am strongly against any change.

Winifred begley  
January 4, 2010, 4:10 pm  
20121 Bill Collins road  
Eustis, Florida 32736

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Sam Behunin  
January 4, 2010, 4:12 pm  
280 SW Delta Drive  
Beaverton, Oregon 97006

What you are talking about is neither an open internet or net neutrality. What we have now is an open and neutral internet. The Federal government and the FCC have vitually no place in regulating the internet. Almost any regulation would be contrary the my rights of free speech and freedom of press.

Douglas Beilharz  
January 4, 2010, 4:13 pm  
10593 Hickory Knoll Dr.  
Brighton, Michigan 48114-9297

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Robert Beken  
January 4, 2010, 4:13 pm  
411 Sycamore Drive  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68510

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Rosemarie Belan  
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Roy Bell  
January 4, 2010, 4:14 pm  
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LaVonne Bennett  
January 4, 2010, 4:15 pm  
637 Bennett Road  
Ionia, Michigan 48846

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June Benoit  
January 4, 2010, 4:16 pm  
5524 64th Ave NW  
Gig Harbor, Washington 98335

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Thomas T Berge  
January 4, 2010, 4:16 pm  
659 High Plains Courtr  
Grand Forks, North Dakota 58201

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If you have any qu4estions related to me , Please CONTACT ME.

Thank you  
Thomas T Berge

Lynn Bergman  
January 4, 2010, 4:18 pm  
225 Riverside Park Road  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58504

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Find something more productive to do with your time, like sticking you thumb up your ass like other government employees, and leave private enterprise alone!

Vicki Bermudez  
January 4, 2010, 4:18 pm  
11329 Southtowne Court  
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53172

I am sure that I will not be the first to raise the concern that governmental regulation on any level restricts the most basic of our American rights—freedom of choice.

With any free nation comes individual responsibility. While it is true that some individuals will make bad choices, and others will make good ones, it is also true that all actions have consequences, and all who make choices will either suffer the results of bad choices, or be rewarded for good ones. Let's not forget that we all have the capacity to learn, and those who make bad choices will learn from their mistakes. Some of the most caring people, some of the most well-rounded people, some of the most ambitious people in the world had to learn from their bad choices. Please, let individuals make their choice in regards to what they see, hear, and do, with respect to the Internet. Do not impose the morals of one person or group of persons by regulating in any way, shape or form, what by rights is an individual issue.

Sandra Bernhard  
January 4, 2010, 4:18 pm  
532 Menominee  
Naperville, Illinois 60563

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January 4, 2010, 4:20 pm  
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Helotes, Texas 78023-4411

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George Berry  
January 4, 2010, 4:21 pm  
41 Redwine Overlook  
Newnan, Georgia 30263

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George Berry  
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Mark Best  
January 4, 2010, 4:23 pm  
21339 Black Forest Ct.  
Flat Rock, Michigan 48134

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Sincerely,

Mark F. Best

Jane Betteridge  
January 4, 2010, 4:23 pm  
1205 Oakland Drive  
Anderson, Indiana 46012

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Furthermore, I am incensed with the deceptive language used in the naming of bigger-government, freedom-limiting legislation such as these offensive proposed “Open Internet” rules. The internet is already open. It is obvious that the rules are meant to restrict it.

Bill Betts  
January 4, 2010, 4:24 pm  
2510 Howard Drive  
Redding, California 96001-3708

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January 4, 2010, 4:24 pm  
872 Uhen Ct  
Burlington, Wisconsin 53105

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It's time that all the liberal in Washington start to do the peoples will and representing the people. Enacting a law like this is an infringement on my right of FREEDOM OF SPEECH given to me by the Constitution. I think our so called representative should have to pass a test on the Constitution and our Bill of Rights

Connie Bevan  
January 4, 2010, 4:24 pm  
168 West 500 North  
Springville, Utah 84663-1090

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David Beverly  
January 4, 2010, 4:26 pm  
800 East C Street  
Iron Mountain, Michigan 49801

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As always, government intervention into the private sector is a very bad idea. This is nothing more than a power grab. The government has no need, and quite possibly no authority, to interfere with the workings of the market place.

Mr. & Mrs. Leonard J. Bibbo  
January 4, 2010, 4:26 pm  
19 Barony Lane  
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina 29928

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M. Bice  
January 4, 2010, 4:27 pm  
PO Box 1127  
Taylors, South Carolina 29687

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Adrian Bickley  
January 4, 2010, 4:27 pm  
10906 Oak Harbor Drive  
Louisville, Kentucky 40299

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I share my concern also as a internet businessman. This would stifle business nationally and internationally.

Terry Biehl  
January 4, 2010, 4:27 pm  
8853 Emahiser Rd  
Caledonia, Ohio 43314

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This country is becoming more & more communist every day. Do not do this to America & we the people who can choose to vote you out of office.

Bill Bill  
January 4, 2010, 4:27 pm  
4924 balboa Blvd.  
Encino, California 91335

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PLEASE go ahead with your plans for open Internet for everyone equally.

Stop big business from controlling speeds.

Russell C. Bingley  
January 4, 2010, 4:28 pm  
34 Gerber Ln.  
Cody, Wyoming 82414

Leave you hands off the internet. Every thing that Uncle Frankenstein touches becomes worse.

Nancy Bintz  
January 4, 2010, 4:29 pm  
5700 Highland Way #201  
Middleton, Wisconsin 53562

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Please stop government interference in our daily lives. We've already lost too many freedoms.

Martha Bisaccio  
January 4, 2010, 4:29 pm  
16 Evans Road  
16 Evans Road  
Riverdale, New Jersey 7457

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Leave our internet alone ! We need to retain this avenue of unfettered public free speech, especially in this age of monopolistic networks controlling much of the print media and TV stations.

Mr & Mrs Bischof  
January 4, 2010, 4:29 pm  
34 S. Ridge Ave  
Arl. Hts., Illinois 60005

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In conclusion... You cannot get more "Open Internet" than keeping the Government out of it!... The Internet is already OPEN and being run by the Free Enterprise Market Place... It cannot get much freer than that...

Keep in mind every time Government has gotten involved we end up losing our Freedoms and what was once "FREE" now ends up costing Americans an arm and a leg.

Please do not be fooled again by these people... Keep America Free. Keep Government from destroying Free Enterprise... Let the Market Place be self regulating... That is what America is all about...

Alan Bishop  
January 4, 2010, 4:29 pm  
1601 Slate Run Rd.  
New Albany, Indiana 47150

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We don't need government sensorship of the last place where you can get the facts and not just what they want us to know.

Candi Bishop  
January 4, 2010, 4:29 pm  
4931 E. State Farm Rd.  
North Platte, Nebraska 69101

Keep the government OUT of the Internet business! This is outrageous power-grabbing and totally un-American. (Not that you guys care about the Constitution)

Nicole Bishop  
January 4, 2010, 4:30 pm  
2307 NE 33rd St.  
Cape Coral, Florida 33909

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Diane Bittle  
January 4, 2010, 4:31 pm  
14342 Cochran Rd.  
Marion, Illinois 62959

I am fed up with the government wanting to control every aspect of my life...from paying taxes, to health care and now to controlling the internet that is used for news and communicating. It needs to STOP!

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Melody Black  
January 4, 2010, 4:31 pm  
5754 Jericho Rd  
Pt Pleasant, West Virginia 25550

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I am entirely against any additional regulation of the internet and its users by the government.

Victoria Black  
January 4, 2010, 4:31 pm  
932 Tilmanstone Rd.  
Millen, Georgia 30442

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. I am against the FCC's proposal of "Open Internet" rule and in support of a truly open, competitive, privately owned and controlled network,

douglas blackman  
January 4, 2010, 4:35 pm  
8 halter ct  
mt laurel, New Jersey 8054

I am not interested in the government controlling the internet - let free enterprise and innovation continue. Although there likely will be issues, this is better than government control.

This comment is submitted regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

Millard Blanchard  
January 4, 2010, 4:35 pm  
897 Wilmar Cir  
Blairsville, Georgia 30512

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The most recent mandate by the federal government that over the air television switch to high definition cost many less affluent folks their TV reception since the switch to HD cut the power and put many people who could not afford cable or satellite out of reach of over the air TV. Don't let the feds get involved with the internet, they'll screw it up, as well.

Mary Kay Blasiar-Jones  
January 4, 2010, 4:36 pm  
PO Box 793  
Blue Jay, California 92317

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Leave our internet alone, the free market will take care of any problems!

Bob Blettenberg  
January 4, 2010, 4:37 pm  
58 Carter Rd  
Sagle, Idaho 83860

As an American Citizen, You are going too far in your grab for power over every aspect. Keep your hands of the Internet. I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Alan Blitzblau  
January 4, 2010, 4:37 pm  
104 Mill View Circle  
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185

As a concerned American citizen, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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John Blue  
January 4, 2010, 4:38 pm  
540 N Carpenter Road  
Titusville, Florida 32796

Like so many of my fellow Americans-for-Prosperty colleagues, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Joseph Bodenstedt  
January 4, 2010, 4:38 pm  
22 W. Uhler Ave.  
Alexandria, Virginia 22301

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A word of advice to the government: Keep your hands off the Internet!

CRAIG BOHLEN  
January 4, 2010, 4:39 pm  
620 COTTONFIELD CIRCLE  
WAXHAW, North Carolina 28173

As an Americans for Prosperity friend, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Barbara Bohovic  
January 4, 2010, 4:39 pm  
7444 W. Firelands  
Hudson, Ohio 44236

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Carolyn Bolger  
January 4, 2010, 4:39 pm  
415 N. Woodcroft Ln.  
Schaumburg, Illinois 60173

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Heavy-handed regulation could destroy private investment in the Internet, in turn forcing taxpayers to spend hundreds of billions of dollars to keep the Internet functioning, bringing government ownership and control.

Colleen Boling  
January 4, 2010, 4:39 pm  
1948 Kimberly Rd  
Mosinee, Wisconsin 54455

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

Since 1998 I have been actively using the internet and seen how competition has driven the market to provide better and faster service. I have seen regions with few options grow to several options. My mother has a farm and I was comparing companies top provide high speed service for her and had 5 options to choose from within seconds of searching. Government control of the internet providers will slow and over time destroy growth with bureaucracy.

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George Bookout  
January 4, 2010, 4:40 pm  
801 Hairston  
Altus, Oklahoma 73521

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James Booth  
January 4, 2010, 4:40 pm  
P. O. Box 82  
Brady, Nebraska 69123

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In summation, I strongly oppose any additional regulation or government control of the internet. The existing regulations are sufficient. Any thing beyond the existing regulations would be an outright infringement on our constitutionally guaranteed freedom of speech.

Jerome C. Borden  
January 4, 2010, 4:41 pm  
1571 E. Beechwood Drive  
Layton, Utah 84040-2226

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The Internet is highly competitive. Traditional “phone” and traditional “cable” companies have been locked in an intense struggle to win customers, and wireless is rapidly becoming another viable alternative to wired broadband connections. There are at least four wireless providers in my area plus numerous WiFi “hot spots”. If a private company blocked or censored Internet traffic maliciously it would lose its customers. If government exercised control over the Internet, there would be no place to turn.

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REgina S. Bossle  
January 4, 2010, 4:41 pm  
3809 Amy Pl.  
Loveland, Colorado 80538

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Bonnie Bost  
January 4, 2010, 4:42 pm  
1194 Riverview Dr. Unit#5614  
Ellijay, Georgia 30540

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It would be difficult for me to run my business, teaching music to children and helping them learn and increase their test scores, if any thing on the internet was censored!! Please leave the internet a FREE area to speak!!

Carter Boswell  
January 4, 2010, 4:43 pm  
HC 15870 Box 4  
Sahuarita, Arizona 85629

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Come on FCC, leave the internet alone and let it grow. Like all big buracracies the FCC just has to get bigger, more powerful, at the detriment of all it serves.

Gary Bousquet  
January 4, 2010, 4:44 pm  
49 dayton st  
spfld, Massachusetts 1106

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Tracy Bovee  
January 4, 2010, 4:44 pm  
401 Lakeview Drive #202  
Weston, Florida 33326-2404

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Barry Bowdidge  
January 4, 2010, 4:45 pm  
1341 E. Valley Pkwy #152  
Escondido, California 92027

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LYNN BOWMAN  
January 4, 2010, 4:46 pm  
412 Madison ave  
CARY, North Carolina 27513

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Keep your hands out of our business!

CWO-3 BOB BOWMAN USMCR RETIRED

January 4, 2010, 4:47 pm

PO BOX 691508

ORLANDO, Florida 328691508

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The Internet is private Enterprise and the government has not place involved in it.

Don Boyle  
January 4, 2010, 4:48 pm  
1811 Signature Ct.  
Longmont, Colorado 80504

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In short, DON'T MESS WITH A GOOD THING!!!!!!

Susan Boyle  
January 4, 2010, 4:49 pm  
6840 W 83rd St Terrace  
Bloomington, Minnesota 55438

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Lee Bradford  
January 4, 2010, 4:50 pm  
4312 Garth Road  
Huntsville, Alabama 35802-1129

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Sincerely,

Lee Bradford

Pat Bradley  
January 4, 2010, 4:52 pm  
2510 Electric Ln.  
Suite 910  
Dallas, Texas 75220

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Johnie Brake  
January 4, 2010, 4:53 pm  
P.O. Box 1842  
Claypool, Colorado 85532

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Roberet Brandis  
January 4, 2010, 4:55 pm  
1517 Chatham Road  
Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011

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Barbara Branscom  
January 4, 2010, 4:55 pm  
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Leslie Brasel  
January 4, 2010, 4:55 pm  
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Cushing, Oklahoma 74023

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**WAY TO MUCH GOVERNMENT REGULATION AND CONTROL OVER OUR PERSONAL LIVES. IT HAS TO BE STOPPED**

Jan Braverman  
January 4, 2010, 4:58 pm  
245 Princeton Road  
Piscataway, New Jersey 8854

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Sincerely, for AFP,  
Jan Braverman

Lin Brawley  
January 4, 2010, 4:59 pm  
5260 Fairview Rd  
Baxter, Minnesota 56425

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Mary Breaux  
January 4, 2010, 5:00 pm  
101 Suffolk Ave  
Lafayette, Louisiana 70508

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Richard Brennan  
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Arlington, Texas 76001

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Ken Breuninger  
January 4, 2010, 5:00 pm  
921' N skyline  
Stillwater, Oklahoma 74075

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Ben Brewer  
January 4, 2010, 5:00 pm  
333 W Leroux St G-4  
Prescott, Arizona 86303

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Dennis Briggs  
January 4, 2010, 5:00 pm  
645 Howard Ave.  
Billings, Montana 59101

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January 4, 2010, 5:00 pm  
20111 Brondesbury  
Katy, Texas 77450

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In my opinion, there is nothing that needs to be fixed, so why should government become involved?

David Briley  
January 4, 2010, 5:00 pm  
625 East Main St.  
B-7  
Hendersonville, Tennessee 37075

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Don't mess up a good thing to satisfy your ego. The government has messed up everything it touched. Err EGOS.

Carol Brinton  
January 4, 2010, 5:01 pm  
36 Shady Hollow Drive  
Dearborn, Michigan 48124

To Whom It May Concern:

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William Brisko  
January 4, 2010, 5:01 pm  
2407 Beechwood Ave.  
San Jose, California 95128

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Carl Brisson  
January 4, 2010, 5:02 pm  
17 Teaberry Lane  
Bedford, New Hampshire 3110

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Keep your corrupt government paws off of the internet!

rollin brittner  
January 4, 2010, 5:03 pm  
13531 clairmont way #181  
oregon city, Oregon 97045

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I think it's about time the government listened to the people, we are tired of the governments endless effort of regulating our lives. We already have way too much big government so stay out of our lives.

Kyle Broderick  
January 4, 2010, 5:03 pm  
12535 S. Ash Ave.  
Jenks, Oklahoma 74037

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AFP's concerns are well-founded. And in your own language your reasons for wanting to impose "net neutrality" or "open internet" seem justifiable. There are problems on the internet. You would like to alter web traffic to adhere to more controllable and "socially responsible" guidelines.

Here is the problem with your plan. Placing control into the hands of government agencies like your own is the worst scenario. You fear the "wild west", an uncontrolled and dangerous expanse. I know from reading my history, though, that the "wild west" is vastly preferable to your "civilized east." If the net remains free, there will be those that will take advantage. They will spread foul ideas, take too much power for personal profit, and use bandwidth for seemingly unnecessary things. There will be some bad stuff.

In your hands, however, the net will become a hollow shell of what it currently is or could be if left alone. It doesn't matter if your ideas are noble, or if your current plan truly is good. Either you or your successors would use your new-found power ruin this vastly powerful method of communication. You think the madness of the marketplace is inefficient? Government bureaucracies have proven themselves to be far worse.

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For this reason alone I have made up my mind. Your progress is not progress at all. Please get your hands away from the net.

H. J. Bronson  
January 4, 2010, 5:04 pm  
154 Aqua Vista Drive  
Kerrville, Texas 78028-8865

Before I get to the specifics of why your planned actions are another attack on freedom I want you, the entire commission, to know that We the People will NOT stand for your attempt to subvert the Internet. Our patience are about out. Be cognizant that you will be held accountable and prohibited from any seizure PERIOD!

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Spencer Bronte  
January 4, 2010, 5:04 pm  
23905 Clinton Keith 114-365  
Wildomar, California 92595

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As a citizen of the United States of America, I oppose fully!

Jeanette Brookes  
January 4, 2010, 5:05 pm  
2139 Tampico Dr.  
Carrollton, Texas 75006

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America is supposed to be a government of the people and by the people, not a government of a political elite who take over free enterprise. Leave free enterprise alone. It is able to take care of itself.

Roger A. Brooks  
January 4, 2010, 5:05 pm  
827 Golf Course Road  
Gate City, Virginia 24251-3795

We don't need more Government control of the Internet. It would only screw it up, invade our privacy, and create more useless bureaucracy.

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January 4, 2010, 5:06 pm  
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Robert Brossman  
January 4, 2010, 5:06 pm  
2B, Elm Grove Crossings Mall  
Wheeling, West Virginia 26003-5300

As an American concerned about any threat to Internet freedom, access and use, I urge the FCC to de-politicize any actions it may take in regard to keeping the Internet free of political influence.

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Please do not interfere with Internet freedom.

Carol Broussard  
January 4, 2010, 5:07 pm  
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Tomball, Texas 77377

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Barry Brown  
January 4, 2010, 5:07 pm  
113 Woodmere Drive  
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185-3976

In addition to the statement below, I want to reinforce the thought that the Internet, as it is now maintained and operated, does not need any government oversight or control. It is performing its function very well, since the inception, as a private enterprise. The laws of supply and demand must be utilized to insure this extremely important communications function continues to serve all who desire to gain benefit from its service.

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No "Net Neutrality!"

Donald Brown  
January 4, 2010, 5:09 pm  
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Fairfax, Virginia 22032

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Companies should have the right to restrict traffic that is overwhelming their networks at their best judgment. That way small users will be able to have their messages go through as reward for not being data hogs.

Eldon Brown  
January 4, 2010, 5:09 pm  
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james brown  
January 4, 2010, 5:11 pm  
4245 w. woodale avenue  
brown deer, Wisconsin 53209

Private enterprise built the internet and the only reason government wants control is because it fears an unregulated internet. For that reason alone I oppose any and all governmental involvement, intrusion or control of the internet. It works fine without and further "fixing".

Government out of private enterprise. Government out of the internet.

Government's mandate is national defense, not social engineering. Stick with your mandate and leave private enterprise alone.

J. Brown  
Brown Deer, Wisconsin

JAY BROWN  
January 4, 2010, 5:11 pm  
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Jay Brown  
January 4, 2010, 5:13 pm  
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In view of the clear prospects for a substantial shift in Congressional power following the mid-term election this Fall, the FCC would be wise to refrain from overplaying its hand in these matters.

Karen Brown  
January 4, 2010, 5:14 pm  
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Fayetteville, Pennsylvania 17222

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I couldn't have said it better myself...Karen Brown

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January 4, 2010, 5:14 pm  
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Lucy Brown  
January 4, 2010, 5:15 pm  
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May GOD Bless America as we need his blessings!

Lygia Brown  
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Robert Brown  
January 4, 2010, 5:16 pm  
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Sally Brown  
January 4, 2010, 5:18 pm  
40 Neubauer Drive  
New Martinsville, West Virginia 26155

I have read the following article and agree that we should preserve the open net. We have enough government interference in our lives. Please -- NO MORE GOVERNMENT TAKE OVERS!!!!

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January 4, 2010, 5:18 pm  
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Sedalia, Colorado 80135

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Julie Bruce  
January 4, 2010, 5:19 pm  
500 Jaggy Lane  
Poteet, Texas 78065

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Gerry Brundage  
January 4, 2010, 5:19 pm  
2219 Cemetery Rd  
Pottsboro, Texas 75076

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Ron and Joanne Brunetti  
January 4, 2010, 5:19 pm  
1404 S. Midland Heights Pl.  
Covington, Virginia 24426-2348

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Annette Bryant-Bridgeforth  
January 4, 2010, 5:19 pm  
251 Aspen Lane  
Aurora, Illinois 60504

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Albert M Bryson  
January 4, 2010, 5:20 pm  
532 Third Avenue  
Parkesburg, Pennsylvania 19365

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I totally opposed any government control of the internet.

Sarah Buck  
January 4, 2010, 5:21 pm  
4041 Mary Lane  
Cedarburg, Wisconsin 53012

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Christina Buckner  
January 4, 2010, 5:21 pm  
1731 Wasatch Dr  
Ogden, Utah 84403-1401

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William Bucko  
January 4, 2010, 5:21 pm  
130 South Ave.  
Mt. Clemens, Michigan 48043

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Dave Buerk  
January 4, 2010, 5:22 pm  
1210 Peggy dr  
Hummelstown, Pennsylvania 17036

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**SICK BASTARDS** - This is such a blatant attempt to gain control over free thought and exchanges of ideas. Un-American and an open door for abuse. **NO!** There is nothing Free OR American by trying to overload an incompetent Government in so many ways as we are seeing right now. Stalin and Mao would be proud. Castro and Chavez full of envy. **NO!**

David Bufalo  
January 4, 2010, 5:24 pm  
3193 S. Wilding Ct.  
Denver, Colorado 80231

The internet is doing just fine without the FCC, so just stay out of the way. This is the last bastion of free enterprise left in America and unlike the government, it works quite well. There is no need for the government to get involved and screw it up. The following is a prepared statement, which I totally support.

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Gary Buffon  
January 4, 2010, 5:24 pm  
6467 Conlon Ave  
El Cerrito, California 94530-1612

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At this point in time we need less government intervention, not more.

William A. Buie, Jr  
January 4, 2010, 5:24 pm  
212 Alex Drive  
Jefferson City, Tennessee 37760

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Jane Bull  
January 4, 2010, 5:24 pm  
19 State Street  
Carteret, New Jersey 7008

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To be perfectly blunt, you need to keep your hands off the internet. It is doing very well without government intervention. How about creating some jobs instead of meddling where you don't belong?

Richard Bull  
January 4, 2010, 5:25 pm  
764 Guinda  
Palo Alto, California 94301

As a working engineer in our National Defense industry, and as an individual who depends heavily upon the internet, I wish to make the following comments to GN Docket No. 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

There is not one, single compelling reason for the government of the US to impose itself upon a system that works well, and serves public, private and business interests admirably, the financial self interest of some vocal advocates of regulation notwithstanding.

As a young man working in the communications industry, I was made aware of the acronym PICON; Public Interest, Convenience, Or Necessity. This was the guiding principle embraced by the FCC.

Increased regulation is not in the public interest, it certainly militates against convenience and is devoid of necessity. I wish to go on record as vehemently opposing any such regulatory action as is contemplated in the above captioned actions.

Richard Buller  
January 4, 2010, 5:27 pm  
4653 R.T. Cassidy Dr.  
El Paso, Texas 79924

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Bruce Bullough  
January 4, 2010, 5:28 pm  
6946 Ideal Ave S  
Cottage Grove, Minnesota 55016

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Brad bungardner  
January 4, 2010, 5:28 pm  
po box 25  
pinckard, Alabama 36371

Stop taking our freedom you fucking assholes!

Virginia Burd  
January 4, 2010, 5:28 pm  
10524 Walter Thompson Drive  
Vienna, Virginia 22181

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Seth Burden  
January 4, 2010, 5:29 pm  
2224 Thornblade Dr  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27604

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There is enough Government in our lives...This is unneeded.

Steven Burge  
January 4, 2010, 5:29 pm  
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Apt D  
Littleton, Colorado 80123

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Clyde Burke  
January 4, 2010, 5:29 pm  
P O Box 1708  
Brookings, Oregon 97415

My comment is in regards to GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The Internet is just fine, without government controls. Forget it! Instead clamp down on the content sewer on TV.

Rodney Burket  
January 4, 2010, 5:29 pm  
2003 Lower Snake Spring Road  
Everett, Pennsylvania 15536

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Please consider that the internet is a place for our voices to be heard. It is not a place that government should control and limit our voices.

Jim Burnett  
January 4, 2010, 5:30 pm  
15410 N 2nd Place  
Phoenix, Arizona 85022

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Scott Burnett  
January 4, 2010, 5:31 pm  
140 South Central ave.  
Cut Bank, Montana 59427

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Mark Burnette  
January 4, 2010, 5:31 pm  
520 Lee St.  
Evanston, Illinois 60202

I am in favor of an open internet and net neutrality, as are hundreds of millions of Americans and internet users around the globe.

Mason Burnette  
January 4, 2010, 5:32 pm  
314 Maxwell Lane  
Newport News, Virginia 23606

As an American who loves LIBERTY as envisioned by our Constitution, I am against government interference with the internet.

In the absence of concrete evidence of discriminatory or anti-competitive behavior, there is simply no legitimate (i.e., no non-political) rationale for imposing new regulations that could have the effect of slowing down the great engine of innovation, growth, and expression that the lightly regulated, competitive Internet has become. Aside from empowering government (political objective), most government "fairness" activity of late has done more to limit FREEDOM than protect it. Consequently, I oppose any new government regulation of the internet.

Mike Burns  
January 4, 2010, 5:32 pm  
32349 Hwy 92  
Hotchkiss, Colorado 81419

To whom it may concern, Keep your grubby lunchhooks off the internet! Are you kidding me? This proposal (GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52) is just another power grab by the wanna be socialists currently in power. I will do everything in my power in 2010 and 2012 to make sure those responsible for this proposal and/or other similar legislation get voted (read FIRED) right out of there jobs! As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Very Sincerely, Mike Burns

Ronald Burns  
January 4, 2010, 5:32 pm  
1575 Leonard Pt. Road  
Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54904

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Families have the power to control the exposure of themselves and their children. Private entities can and already are doing the same.

The question of go or no-go forward with intervention is simple contrary to everything the U.S. Constitution is all about. Do not forget this truth.

Ronald Burns  
1575 Leonard Point Road  
Oshkosh, WI 54904  
920.420.3314

T BUSICK  
January 4, 2010, 5:32 pm  
44 FIRST  
ANN ARBOR, Michigan 48108

HISTORY WOULD SHOW THAT YOU PUT AN END TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH NOT TO MENTION, BE AWARE OF YOU BEING STOPPED OF YOUR FREEDOM OF SPEECH, NEXT ADMINISTRATION. FEELS DIFFERENT WHEN SOMEONE DOES IT TO YOU. YOU WILL NOT BE IN POWER LONG, YOUR EXTREME CHANGES ARE SIMPLY MAKING THAT HAPPEN SOONER, INSTEAD OF LATER.

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NO MORE Government messing in private Companies. Enough is enough.

Janice Butler  
January 4, 2010, 5:34 pm  
5430 Chickadee Court  
kjgkhg  
Parker, Colorado 94566

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Scott & Ruth Butler  
January 4, 2010, 5:35 pm  
818 Cass Road  
Traverse City, Michigan 49684

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HANDS OFF!

Larry D. Butler, Ph.D.  
January 4, 2010, 5:35 pm  
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The government has no right, granted by our Constitution, that limits free speech or expression and that includes thoughts and speech passed over the Internet! In fact it would be Unconstitutional to pass an regulation or law that prevented or even limited the same!

Nelson Butz  
January 4, 2010, 5:36 pm  
1275 Rock Ave. Apt. B7  
North Plainfield, New Jersey 7060

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Peter Buxton  
January 4, 2010, 5:37 pm  
38981 23rd Street  
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I am very curious, though: how will the FCC, La Pelosi and the One We Have Been Waiting For pry the standards for HTTP/HTML/XML out of the hands of the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)? The European non-profit will not take kindly to an American takeover.

If the FCC wants to do something useful, break up state-wide monopolies to the township level, and let them run co-ops or contract to telecoms/cable cos. to provide the vast majority of their citizens with net.access.

Susan Crawford and Robert McChesney want to turn the US into Communist China, with our own Great Firewall. No, thank you.

Yours,

Peter Buxton

Jack Buzbee  
January 4, 2010, 5:37 pm  
200 E Douglas St  
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Kent Byington  
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Nancy Cable  
January 4, 2010, 5:38 pm  
1211 W. Crow  
Webb City, Missouri 64870

I am sending my message of utter protest against Washington restricting the current internet system through the FCC enacting the "Open Internet" rules. It is my constitutional right to have total freedom of speech and communication. I do not want any government interference with this right. Thank you.

Richard E. Cadle  
January 4, 2010, 5:39 pm  
11975 Blott Rd.  
North Jackson, Ohio 44451

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Elizabeth Cadwalader  
January 4, 2010, 5:39 pm  
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John Caldwell  
January 4, 2010, 5:39 pm  
Talisman Lane  
Huntington Beach, California 92649

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Dan O. Caldwell III  
January 4, 2010, 5:39 pm  
P.O. Box 1504  
Lander, Wyoming 82520

There is too much government regulation and control now that does not come from the people, but some government agency. FCC regulation of the internet is another such control that is not needed or wanted. If the FCC were to pass these regulations, who is going to oversee the FCC. If internet regulation is needed, it should come from our Congress and not from an agency.

Kenneth Calman  
January 4, 2010, 5:40 pm  
6320 W. Saguaro Dr.  
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In addition to the above: THIS IS NOT CHINA!

David Cambiano  
January 4, 2010, 5:41 pm  
25 Sandstone Drive  
Conway, Arkansas 72034

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am sorely troubled by all the idiots in Congress and the Whitehouse who have made themselves the enemy of this great country. You can all go to hell.

Samuel Camden  
January 4, 2010, 5:41 pm  
341 Douglas Ave  
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And, remember, the Government is of the people, by the people, and for the people. It is to serve the people, NOT the other way around.

Alan Campbell  
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The internet is the embodiment of free speech and it must not be censored, regulated, or taken over by the government.

james Cannon  
January 4, 2010, 5:43 pm  
1572 Meisner Rd  
East China, Michigan 48054

PLEASE..... do not add more "GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS" to our lives, there is already too much "BIG GOVERNMENT" control in my life. I firmly believe government should be made "SMALLER, NOT LARGER".  
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We need less government, not more. Americans are getting tired of the government involvement in every aspect of our lives. The Internet, an American invention, should be free from government involvement and restrictions and allow unfettered access of data to all freedom loving people across the world.

Sincerely,  
Leon Cannon

James & Carla Cantelmo  
January 4, 2010, 5:44 pm  
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Newton, New Jersey 7860

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Dover, Delaware 19904

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Trevor Card  
January 4, 2010, 5:45 pm  
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Fernley, Nevada 89408

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What the hell is wrong with you control freaks in Washington.

MaryLou Carden  
January 4, 2010, 5:46 pm  
4056 Lee Circle  
Wheat Ridge, Colorado 80033-4152

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Greg Carkhuff  
January 4, 2010, 5:46 pm  
30 Overlook Drive  
Amherst, Massachusetts 1002

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Richard Carl  
January 4, 2010, 5:46 pm  
217 Pine St.  
Apt. 5  
Attleboro, Massachusetts 2703

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Melissa Carlson  
January 4, 2010, 5:47 pm  
4313 Plaza Lane  
St. Cloud, Minnesota 56303

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Denise Carman  
January 4, 2010, 5:47 pm  
6748 Canterbury Drive  
Highland, Utah 84003

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I strongly oppose any government controls that would restrict freedom of decent speech on the internet, or access to the internet by the general public.

Heather Carman  
January 4, 2010, 5:47 pm  
7329 1/2 11th Ave NW  
Seattle, Washington 98117

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I adamantly oppose the proposed FCC regulations relating to the internet in GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52.

The following are a few of my reasons.

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Sara Caron  
January 4, 2010, 5:47 pm  
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I do not wish to have the government involved in the matters of the Internet.

Chris Carpenter  
January 4, 2010, 5:48 pm  
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Lincolnton, North Carolina 28092

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David Carpenter  
January 4, 2010, 5:49 pm  
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The bottom line is, #1: LESS government restriction and regulations! #2: Term limits to all elected officials!  
#3: Elect NO Incumbants!!! It is obvious that they all are corrupt and have no respect for the Constitution of the Unites States!

Neil Carpenter  
January 4, 2010, 5:49 pm  
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I am vehemently opposed to any such net neutrality or open internet meddling by the FCC or any Federal entity or regulatory agency.  
Neil Carpenter

Richard Carpenter  
January 4, 2010, 5:49 pm  
13413 Crestwood Ct.  
Wichita, Kansas 67230

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I don't want more government regulations in my life. Stop this foolishness now.

Robbie Carpenter  
January 4, 2010, 5:50 pm  
2525 NW 40  
2525 NW 40  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112

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January 4, 2010, 5:50 pm  
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mercero island, Washington 98040

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Keep it up and Jefferson Davis will rise again.

Robert Carruth  
January 4, 2010, 5:50 pm  
314 Abbot Ave  
Worthington, Ohio 43085

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susan Carry  
January 4, 2010, 5:50 pm  
PO Box  
Quincy, Illinois 62305

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**WE are a FREE COUNTRY and WE THE PEOPLE demand that these Communistic and dictatorship / socialistic ways stop IMMEDIATLY!**

Louis Cartabona  
January 4, 2010, 5:51 pm  
1119 Fifth Ave  
Alpha, New Jersey 8865

Please,

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Susan Carter  
January 4, 2010, 5:51 pm  
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"Net neutrality" is just one more play by the government to grab power and control our lives. We, the People, will not stand for it.

Teresa Casalino  
January 4, 2010, 5:51 pm  
1901 Bloomingdale Ave  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17601

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bonnie casassa  
January 4, 2010, 5:53 pm  
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rochdale, Massachusetts 1542

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We need your help to preserve our freedoms.... of speech, religion and all that the constitution has given us.

Janet Casavan  
January 4, 2010, 5:54 pm  
3111 Manorwood Drive  
Bryan, Texas 77801

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Debora Case  
January 4, 2010, 5:55 pm  
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Donald Cash  
January 4, 2010, 5:55 pm  
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Ooltewah, Tennessee 37363

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"Open Internet" or "net neutrality" sounds simple - force phone and cable companies to treat every bit of information the same way - until you realize that modern networks are incredibly complex, with millions of lines of code in every router. Making sure services like VoIP, video conferencing, and telemedicine (not to mention the next great thing that hasn't been invented yet) get priority may be necessary to make the Internet work, but the government is considering regulations that will make it illegal to prioritize traffic.

These networks cost billions of dollars to build and maintain, and if there is uncertainty about getting a good return on that investment, private investment will dry up.

The internet should be left alone. No government involvement is needed.

Sincerely,

Donald R. Cash

John Cassil  
January 4, 2010, 5:56 pm  
PO Box 40492  
Charleston, South Carolina 29423

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James Catalanotto  
January 4, 2010, 5:57 pm  
10010 Asheville Dr.  
Denham Springs, Louisiana 70706

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Carroll Cawyer  
January 4, 2010, 5:58 pm  
1433 N. Dale  
Stephenville, Texas 76401

I am opposed to ANY government regulation of the internet. The government now has too much power over too many industries, more than is rightly constitutional. The internet is international in scope and should not be infringed upon by any government, including the U.N.

David Caylor  
January 4, 2010, 5:59 pm  
9121 Villa Ridge Drive  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89134

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Harrison Chaess  
January 4, 2010, 5:59 pm  
1034 beaumont Road  
Berwyn, Pennsylvania 19312

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Mana, Mark, Zac, Conner and Chris Chaffin  
January 4, 2010, 5:59 pm  
P.O. Box 199  
Lillian, Texas 76061

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January 4, 2010, 5:59 pm  
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Rosemarie & Robert L Chanin  
January 4, 2010, 5:59 pm  
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Largo, Florida 33771

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Donald Channing  
January 4, 2010, 6:00 pm  
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Leland, North Carolina 28451

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ERIK CHAPIN  
January 4, 2010, 6:00 pm  
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KAILUA KONA, Hawaii 96740

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Ronald Chapman  
January 4, 2010, 6:00 pm  
26W144 Armbrust  
Wheaton, Illinois 60187

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William Chase  
January 4, 2010, 6:00 pm  
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January 4, 2010, 6:01 pm  
400 Drinkwater Rd  
Bay St Louis, Mississippi 39520

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Vikki Childs  
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No to government takeover of the Internet.

Robert Chiles, Jr  
January 4, 2010, 6:01 pm  
1212 green springs rd  
New Bern, North Carolina 28560

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January 4, 2010, 6:01 pm  
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Jeanne Chorzempa  
January 4, 2010, 6:03 pm  
3660 Indian Hills Drive  
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Leif Christensen  
January 4, 2010, 6:03 pm  
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North Pole, Alaska 99705

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Greg Christy  
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Tnak you,  
Greg Christy

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January 4, 2010, 6:05 pm

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Robert Cihak  
January 4, 2010, 6:05 pm  
21310 Poplar Way  
Brier, Washington 98036

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Look, Congress is already doing enough damage. You really don't have to join in the destruction. The Commission should not on its own set into motion these destructive changes, even if pressured by Congress.

The so-called “net neutrality” is just more vaporware.

Please don't further slow down the great engine of innovation, growth, and expression that the current, competitive Internet has become.

Robert Cirr  
January 4, 2010, 6:06 pm  
537 West Century Ave  
Gilbert, Arizona 85233

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Finally...the government has no constitutional authority over the internet. As a citizen I say..."Keep out of private communication!

Constance Clapper  
January 4, 2010, 6:07 pm  
PO Box 200  
West Fulton, New York 12194

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I do NOT want Washington to take over ANYTHING. We are losing our Freedoms every day and soon there will be NONE left. Can anything be done to change what has already taken place?????

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Annette Clark  
January 4, 2010, 6:08 pm  
N1852 Speller Lane  
Reeseville, Wisconsin 53579

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Bill Clark  
January 4, 2010, 6:08 pm  
1028 Mackey Pk  
Nicholasville, Kentucky 40356

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Give me a break! The power grab is so evident, freedom of info. infringement, and so on. There is no need for this. How about protecting myself and my family and quit using my resources for idiotic things that are unneeded.

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CATHERINE CLARK  
January 4, 2010, 6:09 pm  
3900 W. DAKIN ST.  
CHICAGO, Illinois 60618

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Marcus Clark  
January 4, 2010, 6:10 pm  
128 Canyon Road  
Clayton, North Carolina 27520

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Rosina Clarke  
January 4, 2010, 6:10 pm  
12710 S. 71st Street  
Papillion, Nebraska 68133

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Bob Cleary  
January 4, 2010, 6:10 pm  
5358 Lea St  
San Diego, California 92105

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Thank You for your concern an wise choices.

Bob Cleary  
BobC@ctiNetwork.com

Alex Clement  
January 4, 2010, 6:11 pm  
163 Rigi Ave  
Syracuse, New York 13206

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I respectfully ask that you not attempt to regulate our internet. I have lived in places such as China with regulated and censored internet, and have chosen instead to live in freedom in the United States of America.

Mari Jo Cline  
January 4, 2010, 6:12 pm  
8080 State Hwy 78 West  
Lot 21  
Beulah, Colorado 81023

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Sincerely,  
Mari Jo Cline

Robert Cline  
January 4, 2010, 6:12 pm  
1880 Brookwood Ave  
Apt 413  
Burlington, North Carolina 27215-3208

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**DO NOT CAUSE ME TO LOOSE MY FREEDOM ON THE INTERNET !!**

DeWitt Clinton  
January 4, 2010, 6:13 pm  
96 Pocatello Road  
Middletown, New York 10940

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Tony Coble  
January 4, 2010, 6:16 pm  
102 Silver Fox Circle  
Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530

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PS: JUST GET THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OUT OF OUR LIVES.

Rebecca Cockrell  
January 4, 2010, 6:16 pm  
1250 Lone Star Road  
Rose Bud, Arkansas 72137

I am against any so-called net-neutrality. Please do not go any further with this crippling regulation. It will destroy the power of the internet and strangle the effectiveness of our systems. It is simply a way for far-leftists to have control over the rights of a communication system that is, so far, free. Keep it that way.....

Robert Coffman  
January 4, 2010, 6:17 pm  
2064 Atwood Terrace  
Coshocton, Ohio 43812

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Plus I do not want the government involved with the interinternet in any way, shape or form. Please do not restrict the internet in any way. Robert Coffman, Coshocton, Ohio

Joan Cohen  
January 4, 2010, 6:17 pm  
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Carol Cole  
January 4, 2010, 6:17 pm  
8120 Snow Hill Rd  
Salisbury, Maryland 21804

RE:GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Joseph Cole  
January 4, 2010, 6:17 pm  
252 Willow Rock Point  
Fayetteville, Georgia 30215

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I do not want the FCC to implement any more regulations or have any control in regulating the flow of data and information on the Internet.

Claudia Coleman  
January 4, 2010, 6:19 pm  
3379 Youngs Rd  
Southern Pines, North Carolina 28387

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I fully support this position.

Stan Coleman  
January 4, 2010, 6:20 pm  
216 S. Ingalls  
#3  
Grand Island, Nebraska 68803

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Prioritized traffic is critical to VC in order to preserve quality. When you read an email or surf the net the order in which you receive packets is irrelevant. If the last part of your email comes in first and the first comes in last you don't care or even notice. Do you care if the bottom of your web pages comes in first and then the top part...no? Priority for surfing the network and for email isn't important. Now do the same thing for VC. Let the 3rd second come in first and then have the 1st second come in followed by the 5th and then the 2nd second would create an unviewable picture. Getting the information to come in in the proper sequence can only be achieved by giving that traffic a higher priority than the reset of the traffic.

The use of Video Conferencing will allow more people to drive and fly less which will allow the planet to become greener. So it's not only in the best interest of Video Conferencing to have prioritized traffic it's also in the best interest of a greener planet.

Vickie Coleman  
January 4, 2010, 6:21 pm  
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Helena, Alabama 35080

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**THIS IS A FREEDOM OF SPEACH ISSUE, PLAIN AND SIMPLE. AND AS SUCH, ACCORDING TO THE CONSTITUTION, YOU DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO SILENCE MY VOICE!**

john colicigno  
January 4, 2010, 6:22 pm  
596 seybert st  
hazleton, Pennsylvania 18201-4450

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**\*PS - MY VOTE SAYS NO INTERNET INTERFERENCE! NOVEMBER IS CLOSE AT HAND. I WILL SEEK RETRIBUTIONS! John G.COLICIGNO**

Joseph Colucci  
January 4, 2010, 6:23 pm  
16 Autumn Drive  
Howell, New Jersey 7731

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Margaret Conahan  
January 4, 2010, 6:23 pm  
37 Vly Rd  
first floor  
Colonie, New York 12205

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Rebecca Cone  
January 4, 2010, 6:24 pm  
6201 Bert Kouns  
# 841  
Shreveport, Louisiana 71129

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

Sometimes I wonder if I have moved to another country? We are the United States of America, the land of the free. Why is the government trying to have power over everything the citizens of our great Country try to do. The illegal aliens have more freedom and more benefits than the tax-paying Americans of our Nation. May God Help Us. Oh, yes that is not politically correct anymore. No wonder our Country is in such dire straights. God is great and needs to be put back in our Country as the Divine ruler over all!!

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Dave Connell  
January 4, 2010, 6:25 pm  
3055 Alta Laguna Blvd.  
Laguna Beach, California 92651

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Jenann Connolly  
January 4, 2010, 6:25 pm  
762 Ardmore Street  
Dearborn Heights, Michigan 48127

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304  
New Haven, Missouri 63068

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Alan Conroy  
January 4, 2010, 6:26 pm  
14016 35th Avenue South  
Tukwila, Washington 98168

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The internet, and access to it, are working just fine. We do not need, nor do we want, the government to get involved and screw it up. Stop trying to fix that which is not broken. Keep out of our internet!

Robert Considine  
January 4, 2010, 6:26 pm  
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Fulton, Illinois 61252

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Lake Havasu City, Arizona 86404

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Martha Conway  
January 4, 2010, 6:28 pm  
833 Bourbon Red Drive  
St Louis, Missouri 63131

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Daniel Cook  
January 4, 2010, 6:28 pm  
8030 Oak Hollow Lane  
Fairfax Station, Virginia 22039

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Glenn Cook  
January 4, 2010, 6:29 pm  
8114 N 54th Street  
Paradise Valley, Arizona 85253

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As with everything else in America, private enterprise is much more efficient and capable of providing quality service than a government enterprise.

Joe Cook  
January 4, 2010, 6:30 pm  
1408 Broadway St.  
Chico, California 95928

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To summarize, this NPRM is ill advised and unnecessary. The Internet should be allowed to continue to develop without further Government regulation or intervention.

Joe Cook

Judy Cook  
January 4, 2010, 6:30 pm  
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Wyoming, Michigan 49519

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Robert Cook  
January 4, 2010, 6:31 pm  
630 N. cr 600 W  
Greenfield, Indiana 46140

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Virginia Cook  
January 4, 2010, 6:31 pm  
p.o. box 2777  
broken arrow, Oklahoma 74013

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Kay Cooksley  
January 4, 2010, 6:32 pm  
PO Box 937  
Canyonville, Oregon 97417

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Government needs to do the job that they were intended to do. Government does not need to get more jobs- They are dabbling in areas never intended.

Thank you for your time,

Kay Cooksley

Joanne Cooper  
January 4, 2010, 6:33 pm  
59 Cemetery Road  
Woodstown, New Jersey 8098

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Michael Cooper  
January 4, 2010, 6:34 pm  
1546 8th Ave  
Longview, Washington 98632

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Barack Hussein Obama will destroy the USA if we Americans let him.  
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Alice Cormaci  
January 4, 2010, 6:35 pm  
228 Blue Crane 1 Dr.  
Slidell, Louisiana 70461

The Internet does not belong to the government -- it belongs to the private investors who built it and the millions of users who contribute to it.

The federal government has no enumerated power to intervene in uses of the internet beyond violation of criminal statutes. Though the internet was beyond a dream at the founding of our country, comparisons can be made. Would the authors of the Constitution or our early leaders granted the Federal government to "regulate" bulletin boards? The content of privately published books? Of course not!

At this time, the internet remains one of a scarce few forums which is truly open to free speech, which is itself a right enumerated to the people. The "Open Internet" moniker is itself an insult to the citizenry this would be imposed upon.

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Most Sincerely,  
Alice Cormaci  
Slidell, LA

Laird Cormell  
January 4, 2010, 6:35 pm  
2340 Hwy 180 E #199  
Silver City, New Mexico 88061

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Carl Cornealy  
January 4, 2010, 6:36 pm  
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Donale Cornwell  
January 4, 2010, 6:36 pm  
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We don't need any government mandates in any area of our pursuit of happiness. If it ain't broke don't fix it

Raymond Corper  
January 4, 2010, 6:37 pm  
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Orlando, Florida 32837

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January 4, 2010, 6:37 pm  
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January 4, 2010, 6:39 pm  
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January 4, 2010, 6:40 pm  
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Government has no constitutional duty or authority to regulate the internet under the Commerce Clause as to do so would cause a chilling effect on the open exchange of citizens who have the right to freedom of speech, freedom of expression and freedom of electronic assembly. Butt out!

James Coulston  
January 4, 2010, 6:40 pm  
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The enemies of Liberty do not want this to go through an open debate in Congress because they know the public will have a lot of input against their control schemes.

The simple fact is the internet works now. There are no complaints and we do not want to be monitored by the State, nor have the State in control of the very means of communication I am sending this objection. I work in the IT field and I know for a fact government will only make things worse in this area. You need specifics, let me know!

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January 4, 2010, 6:40 pm  
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January 4, 2010, 6:41 pm  
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Douglas Cox  
January 4, 2010, 6:42 pm  
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I am not alone in this effort. I am sure millions of Americans have the same concerns about government growing out of control.

Thank you

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January 4, 2010, 6:43 pm  
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Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312

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John Cox  
January 4, 2010, 6:43 pm  
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River Ridge, Louisiana 70123

I do NOT want a Federal takeover of the Internet. The "Mainstream Media" is now defacto controlled by the Federal Governement. Cable News, Talk Radio and Internet are the only communications not acting as defacto Propaganda Arms of the Federal Government.

NO MORE BIG MOTHER. Mind your own business. Leave us alone. Leave the Internet alone.

James Coyle  
January 4, 2010, 6:44 pm  
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I agree totally with this statement.

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Larry Creef  
January 4, 2010, 6:46 pm  
1522 Carrolton Way  
Chesapeake, Virginia 23320-3093

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Edna Earle and Raiford Crews  
January 4, 2010, 6:46 pm  
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January 4, 2010, 6:47 pm  
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The BIG federal government needs to go back to the original intended size and steer clear of any competitive arenas.

Jennifer Crone  
January 4, 2010, 6:47 pm  
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Orlando, Florida 32812

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January 4, 2010, 6:47 pm  
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Buda, Texas 78610

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Ralph Cross  
January 4, 2010, 6:48 pm  
103 Foxworth Court  
Dothan, Alabama 36305

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Our internet has had an extremely explosive period of growth since it's genesis, and that is precisely because the government was NOT involved! The government has nothing to offer in the future growth and success of the internet but assured failure ... for the people. Government interference into the operation and governance of our internet is not desired and is positively not wanted!

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Lee and Joan Croston  
January 4, 2010, 6:48 pm  
14138 W Hwy 266  
Bois D'Arc, Nebraska 65612

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This is nothing more than an attempt to further control our lives - what material can be disseminated, what we can read/learn, what we can share. The government is seeking to allow only their own point of view as they are already doing in the major media. Now they want to control the information flow on the internet. This is nothing more than a totalitarian move as was used by Hitler and Chavez. Have we come to the horrors of that? This has nothing to do with fairness and will result in totally lopsided information from the Far Left and Socialists. This cannot be allowed. We are not Venezuela, Cuba, China, or North Korea and MUST NOT let this administration have ANY power or means that can turn America into anything like these horrendific governments.

john crowe  
January 4, 2010, 6:48 pm  
401 sutter gate lane  
morrisville, North Carolina 27560

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, and an intense supporter and believer in capitalism, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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January 4, 2010, 6:49 pm  
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Mary Culver  
January 4, 2010, 6:49 pm  
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PLEASE DON'T EVEN CONSIDER THIS BILL - IF IT COMES UP FOR A VOTE, D E F E A T IT!

Thank you,  
Mary J. Culver  
Garden Grove, CA

James Cummings  
January 4, 2010, 6:50 pm  
1S200 Cantigny Drive  
Winfield, Illinois 60190

Leave the internet alone.

Keep the government out of what has been (without government regulation)one of the most successful accomplishments of the last century.

The FCC should be focusing on opening up more bandwidth so that the Internet can continue to expand.

J. Cummings  
Winfield, IL

Diane Curley  
January 4, 2010, 6:50 pm  
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Most Rev. Leonard Curreri  
January 4, 2010, 6:50 pm  
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Sharon Curry  
January 4, 2010, 6:50 pm  
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I love America for the capitalist, free-enterprise economic system it offers all citizens. I vehemently oppose the very concept of the left and Obama's agenda to "fundamentally change America". This is truly anti-American. Our constitutional framers would shudder to hear this "net neutrality" assault to our freedom of speech and assembly through government controls.

Thomas Curry  
January 4, 2010, 6:51 pm  
12300 Casa Grande Ave. NE  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87112

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Amy Curtis  
January 4, 2010, 6:51 pm  
1914 Kentucky  
Lawrence, Kansas 66046

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I am 100% AGAINST ANY regulation or government policing of the Internet. Allow the Internet to be a truly free medium of expression by leaving it alone.

Thank you.

Mary Dadian  
January 4, 2010, 6:52 pm  
8255 Wrightwood Ave  
River Grove, Illinois 60171

As an Americans for Prosperity activist and a computer professional since 1973, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No. 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The government needs to stay out of the free market place. This is an perfect example of the people (government) starting an endeavor to share resources that the free market has now made the most of.

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Rosalie Dahlvang  
January 4, 2010, 6:52 pm  
11104 E 9th Ave  
Spokane Valley, Washington 99206

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John Dalke  
January 4, 2010, 6:52 pm  
21018 84th Ave W  
Edmonds, Washington 98026

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This administration is trying to strangle Americans and the freedom guaranteed under The Constitution of The United States and must be stopped. There are three branches of government but it appears the current administration wants ONE. The FCC is not authorized and should not be authorized to interfere with internet access.

Kelly Darden  
January 4, 2010, 6:53 pm  
6875 Prairienook  
Roscoe, Illinois 61073

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Please leave our internet and our cable alone. Leave the government out of the cable/internet business. Our families are being taxed enough. We do not need anymore interference of our lives.

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Timothy Darsow  
January 4, 2010, 6:56 pm  
5C Golden Oaks Drive  
Circle Pines, Minnesota 55014

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52: KEEP OUT OF MY LIFE!

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Cindy Daubenspeck  
January 4, 2010, 6:56 pm  
225 Lakewood Drive  
Carrollton, Georgia 30117

The internet is not the business of the government and you work for us, so it is your job to listen and follow our requests in regard to the following:

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Gabriel Dauphin  
January 4, 2010, 6:56 pm  
3118 Appleton Ave  
Parsons, Kansas 67357

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Yours sincerely,

Gabriel Dauphin

Chester Davis  
January 4, 2010, 6:57 pm  
2241 NW 50 st  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68524

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The Internet is highly competitive and is a solid example of free market principles. Private companies and software which block specified Internet traffic are available for those concerned about content.

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Sincerely,  
Chester Davis

John Davis  
January 4, 2010, 6:57 pm  
6121se 45th st  
Tecumseh, Kansas 665429540

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Norman Davis  
January 4, 2010, 6:58 pm  
210 Telford Rd  
Telford, Tennessee 37690

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Why is there this insistence to control our freedoms?

Paula Davis  
January 4, 2010, 6:59 pm  
120 Richard Rd  
Corrales, New Mexico 87048

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Denise Davison  
January 4, 2010, 6:59 pm  
6 Misty Creek Lane  
Laguna Hills, California 92653

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Sincerely, Denise Davison

Victoria Davisson  
January 4, 2010, 6:59 pm  
29884 Trimmer Springs Road  
Space 14  
Sanger, California 93657

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Joan Day  
January 4, 2010, 7:00 pm  
1942 Dan Drive  
Layton, Utah 84040

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John Day  
January 4, 2010, 7:00 pm  
377 Amber Lane  
Bonners Ferry, Idaho 83805

The internet is the only source of news I have access to on a daily basis. I can't even receive a radio station broadcast where I live. The freedom of information available on the internet applies to everyone. Set aside politics and get out of the way of our free exercise of the first amendment. The proposed bill will stifle free speech.

Willa Day  
January 4, 2010, 7:00 pm  
Two 14th Street  
Apt 202  
Hoboken, New Jersey 7030

I support Net Neutrality and hope the FCC passes a strong rule that keeps control over the Internet in the hands of users and not ISPs.

Net Neutrality is a rule that conservatives should embrace. It protects our fundamental right to control our media experience without interference by gatekeepers. Such user-powered control is a bedrock principal of the conservative movement.

Organizations like Americans for Prosperity have betrayed their conservative roots in favor of a paycheck from special corporate interests to lobby against Net Neutrality.

The FCC should act in favor of all Internet users, regardless of their politics, and protect Net Neutrality.

IRoger De Haan  
January 4, 2010, 7:01 pm  
105 Police Club Drive  
Kings Mountain, North Carolina 28086

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Denis De Staic  
January 4, 2010, 7:01 pm  
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Westfield, Indiana 46074

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STOP Keep your Greasy PAWS off The INTERNET and while ye are Listening Keep your Claws Off Everything Else and let the TRUE "FREE" From GOVERNMENT MARKET do its thing and we will be fine. BRING ON NOVEMBER BYE BYE BAMA

Ward De Witt  
January 4, 2010, 7:02 pm  
135 Penland Way  
Missoula, Montana 59803

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The free expression of ideas over the Internet is one of the remaining avenues that allows individuals a chance to communicate with others about their ideas, hopes, and dreams. A free society needs this option. What we don't need is more governmental restriction on our freedom.

Brad Dean  
January 4, 2010, 7:02 pm  
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Orlando, Florida 32819

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Read our constitution and keep your oath to protect it. If you want socialism, move to Venezuela.

Marcia DeBoer  
January 4, 2010, 7:03 pm  
2200 Easy St.  
Wyoming, Michigan 49519

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John DeBrular  
January 4, 2010, 7:05 pm  
94 Grafton St  
Washington, West Virginia 26181

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I do not want the government to be involved in this matter in any manner. It works for us - leave it alone.

Grace DeCicco  
January 4, 2010, 7:05 pm  
129 Duane St  
Farmingdale, New York 11735

Hands off the internet. Period!

John Decker  
January 4, 2010, 7:06 pm  
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tucson, Arizona 85716

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Robert Deean  
January 4, 2010, 7:07 pm  
29 Dings Hollow Rd  
Whitney Point, New York 13862

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John Deen  
January 4, 2010, 7:08 pm  
331 Balsa St.  
Henderson, Nevada 89002-8232

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Government should let competition among companies continue and not interfere.

Thanks,  
John Deen

John deGroot  
January 4, 2010, 7:09 pm  
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Redmond, Washington 98052

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Roger DeHaan  
January 4, 2010, 7:09 pm  
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We are in great need of less government not more. The American taxpayer is overburdened with taxes now.

carl dehaven  
January 4, 2010, 7:09 pm  
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Thaxton, Virginia 24174

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Nicholas Del Giudice  
January 4, 2010, 7:09 pm  
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Port Monmouth, New Jersey 7758

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Government control of the internet is nothing more than the Liberal Left dictatorial control of free speech. The criminal Government wants to silence the dissemination of its evil, un-American activities.

Christopher Delaney, MD  
January 4, 2010, 7:10 pm  
2425 Tram Road  
New Bern, North Carolina 28562

I want the government to stay out of regulating the internet. The government is corrupt and incompetent, for the most part, and their regulating this free form of communication and information sharing can only result in a loss of my freedom. Stay out.

Shirley Deley  
January 4, 2010, 7:11 pm  
2379 Oak Trace St.  
Youngstown, Ohio 44515

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Sam DeLong  
January 4, 2010, 7:11 pm  
P. O. Box 4691  
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23454

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BILL DELONY

January 4, 2010, 7:11 pm

10000 SW 186TH AVE

DUNNELLON, Florida 34432

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Kathleen DeMill  
January 4, 2010, 7:13 pm  
1294 Veronica Ct.  
Carlsbad, California 92011

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Francis Demko  
January 4, 2010, 7:13 pm  
215 valley View Road  
Ruckersville, Virginia 22968

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SHERYL DENBOW  
January 4, 2010, 7:14 pm  
3480 S PEEBLY RD  
CHOCTAW, Oklahoma 73020

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Erol Denizkurt  
January 4, 2010, 7:14 pm  
4548 Andover Way F303  
Naples, Florida 34112

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**STOP CREATING LEGISLATION THAT LIMITS THE INTERNET AND GIVES THE GOVERNMENT POWER. THE INTERNET IS OPEN FOR THE PEOPLE TO USE AND COMMUNITE WITH EACH OTHER.**

Robert Derber  
January 4, 2010, 7:14 pm  
2923 Kipling Ct  
Springfield, Illinois 62711

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January 4, 2010, 7:14 pm  
5531 Emerson Ave N  
Brooklyn Center, Minnesota 55430

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Let private industry innovate, the government governs and that's it.

Patricia DesMarais  
January 4, 2010, 7:15 pm  
1381 Country Club Dr  
Hampstead, North Carolina 28443

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Donna Detwiler  
January 4, 2010, 7:16 pm  
18775 Ambrose Lane  
Huntington Beach, California 92648

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Benjamin Devey  
January 4, 2010, 7:17 pm  
1022 West 220 South  
Orem, Utah 84058

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

I oppose unconstitutional measures restricting freedom of speech.

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EDSEL DEVILLE

January 4, 2010, 7:17 pm

522 Acadian Way

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29588

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In short KEEP THE FCC OUT OF THE INTERNET.

Sharon Devin  
January 4, 2010, 7:17 pm  
P O Box 630  
Taylor, Arizona 85939

Comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Alan Dewey  
January 4, 2010, 7:17 pm  
603 Ragsdale Rd  
Jamestown, North Carolina 27282

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Billie Dewhirst  
January 4, 2010, 7:17 pm  
2404 Diamond Place  
Clarksville, Indiana 47129

On preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

Leave it alone.

Open internet or net neutrality are just terms for tyranny, coercion and control of communications.

Hands off!







Scott DiBert  
January 4, 2010, 7:18 pm  
5922 San Reno Drive  
Sylvania, Ohio 43560

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Andrea DiDonato  
January 4, 2010, 7:19 pm  
2924 SE 6th Ave  
Cape Coral, Florida 33904

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Emily Diefenbaugh  
January 4, 2010, 7:20 pm  
6579 Manna Ave  
Cashton, Wisconsin 54619

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Dallas Dill  
January 4, 2010, 7:20 pm  
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916 Highland  
Cleburne, Texas 76033

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Mary Dillon  
January 4, 2010, 7:20 pm  
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East Lansing, Michigan 48823

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WHAT--ARE WE LIVING IN IRAN NOW!!!!

Nanette Dion  
January 4, 2010, 7:21 pm  
3500 Oakgate Drive  
San Antonio, Texas 78230

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Charlie Dismore  
January 4, 2010, 7:21 pm  
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We do not want more government control over private enterprise, but less. Far less. We would appreciate it if you would get your priorities straight and get out of our business.

Charlie Dismore

Larry Ditler  
January 4, 2010, 7:21 pm  
3011 N. Dakota St.  
Chandler, Arizona 85225

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Please protect our Constitutional Rights, ALL of them!

Sincerely,

Richard Ditmer  
January 4, 2010, 7:22 pm  
704 Attica St.  
Vandalia, Ohio 45377

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Keep your "NOSE" out of our "AFFAIR"

Geri Dixon  
January 4, 2010, 7:23 pm  
30002 Saw Oaks Drive  
Magnolia, Texas 77355

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Mike Dodd  
January 4, 2010, 7:23 pm  
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Montpelier, Virginia 23192

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January 4, 2010, 7:23 pm  
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Terry Doherty  
January 4, 2010, 7:23 pm  
12521 Muscovy Drive  
Jacksonville, Florida 32223

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Greg Donahoe  
January 4, 2010, 7:24 pm  
25760 Thomas  
Warren, Michigan 48091

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The market will punish ISP's that aren't fair to their subscribers. This so called "net neutrality" policing by the FCC is not needed and would serve only to create additional costs with zero benefit.

Leon E. Donahue  
January 4, 2010, 7:24 pm  
2338 N Fremont  
Tacoma, Washington 98406-1613

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James Dorn  
January 4, 2010, 7:24 pm  
32 Wood Ave  
Englishtown, New Jersey 7726

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regis doucette  
January 4, 2010, 7:25 pm  
po 82  
hillsdale, New Jersey 7642

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Please keep your hands off this important communication effort. Look at what your ineptness has done with other interference where stated goals are redefined after the failures and where the exact opposite swings back against stated goals.

Theresa Dougherty  
January 4, 2010, 7:25 pm  
212 Blackstrap Rd  
Falmouth, Maine 4105

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John Douglas  
January 4, 2010, 7:25 pm  
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The Dalles, Oregon 97058

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Stop the government takeover and over regulation of the Internet.

Respectfully,

Robert Scott Dove

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January 4, 2010, 7:27 pm  
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Tom Downs  
January 4, 2010, 7:28 pm  
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Houston, Texas 77284-0597

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Michael Drabek  
January 4, 2010, 7:28 pm  
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Do not allow the pseudo-patriots of the fascist left to silence the only remaining freedom of speech we have... the only means we have of stopping this seizure of our rights, freedom and sovereignty.

RONALD DSOUZA  
January 4, 2010, 7:30 pm  
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SOMERS, New York 10589

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January 4, 2010, 7:31 pm  
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Dana Duke  
January 4, 2010, 7:31 pm  
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Sincerely, Dana Duke

John Duley  
January 4, 2010, 7:31 pm  
762 N Clinton St.  
Orange, California 92867

Although the following is a pre-written comment, I have read it in its entirety and approve of and agree with the total content.  
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Wesley Duncan  
January 4, 2010, 7:32 pm  
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Jim Dundon  
January 4, 2010, 7:32 pm  
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Waukesha, Wisconsin 53188

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Jim Dundon

Janelle Dundore  
January 4, 2010, 7:32 pm  
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Jennifer Dunn  
January 4, 2010, 7:34 pm  
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Boise, Idaho 83709

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p.s. Please don't use my tax dollars to implement yet more regulations that will stifle the free market, and my own freedom of speech.

Linda Dunn  
January 4, 2010, 7:34 pm  
26 Old Bethel Road  
Newtown, Connecticut 6470

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Mary Ann Dunn  
January 4, 2010, 7:36 pm  
P.O. Box 1927  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106

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As one of many who pay your salary, I request that you drop proceedings for, or vote against this proposal. You, as a representative of ours must see that the Freedoms our Country was founded with remain free!!

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January 4, 2010, 7:36 pm  
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Diana Dunsmore  
January 4, 2010, 7:36 pm  
85 Dorris Rd.  
Milton, Georgia 30004

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Judith Durdan  
January 4, 2010, 7:37 pm  
641 Turnberry Court  
TArpon Springs, Florida 34688

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Kent and Janis Durfee  
January 4, 2010, 7:37 pm  
PO Box 175  
Almo, Idaho 83312

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Such actions should be discussed in the open by Congress, not put into force under hard to understand rules by a regulatory agency.

Please do not continue on this course of action.

Pamela Durre  
January 4, 2010, 7:37 pm  
300 North 8th Street  
Hiawatha, Kansas 66434

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Lillian Duval  
January 4, 2010, 7:38 pm  
21891 Big Bend Rd.  
Montgomery Creek, California 96065

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January 4, 2010, 7:40 pm

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Alan Eames  
January 4, 2010, 7:40 pm  
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No. Hollywood, California 91605

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Keep the government out of the internet. #1 - where is the Constitutional authority for the FCC to make up laws. I understand that Congress has been ceding its authority to the Executive Branch for a long time, but this still does not make it Constitutional. #2 - preserving the internet requires no regulation. It is functioning just fine as a method for people to communicate.

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Government granted monopolies were the whole reason that cable companies went through massive consolidation and we ended with very little (basically none) until DirecTV came along - and it certainly wasn't government regulation that enable DirecTV to take a huge bite out of cable system revenues.

The free market works, please allow it to. Stay out of the Internet.

Taylor Earl  
January 4, 2010, 7:41 pm  
3275 S. Sepulveda Blvd, #201  
Los Angeles, California 90034

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I oppose it for many reasons. But first and foremost is that it is an necessary role for the federal government. There has to be a limit on how far the government will go.

Robin Eason  
January 4, 2010, 7:43 pm  
2705 Deer Park Rd.  
Finksburg, Maryland 21048

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Michael Eberhardt  
January 4, 2010, 7:44 pm  
138 Lost Horse Lane  
Hendersonville, North Carolina 28739

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We don't need any Socialist Government Political hack telling us what to do!

Rodger Edgar  
January 4, 2010, 7:44 pm  
P. O. Box 83854  
Phoenix, Arizona 85071

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Brandon Edwards  
January 4, 2010, 7:45 pm  
921 NE 10th Street  
East Wenatchee, Washington 98802

As an American, I am submitting my objection and request regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

This is clearly overstepping the objectives of our Government! Protecting the people is protecting our liberty and freedom!!!

If a private company blocked or censored Internet traffic maliciously it would lose its customers(ie: a "FREE MARKET" value). If government exercised control over the Internet, it would result in First Amendment arguments and likely abuses that would result in many such violations of our constitutionally protected rights. This will impose uncertainty and create significant litigation challenges and expenses.

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All that would be yet another un-welcome government intrusion into the private free enterprise market!!! Equal to un-American practices, un-constitutional, non-supporting of individual liberty and the rights protecting our values and principles that do support a free-market, not interfered with or limited by it's elected government.

Are you going to continue to be moving toward a totalitarian - fascist government or self-correct??? Returning to the Republic-Democracy that represents the people of a free-market, pursuant to living with liberty, justice, and happiness!!!

Lee Edwards  
January 4, 2010, 7:45 pm  
908 Meadowlands Dr  
Winston Salem, North Carolina 27107

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**LEAVE THE INTERNET ALONE, NO GOVT INTERFERENCE MORONS !!!!**

Paul Edwards  
January 4, 2010, 7:45 pm  
1170 Three Mile Creek Road  
Stevensville, Montana 5987--6145

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We do not any more Un-accountable Burauocrats interfering with our usage of the Inter-Net!

William D. Edwards  
January 4, 2010, 7:45 pm  
2013 Antares Dr  
Bastrop, Louisiana 71220

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This a prefab piece of correspondence, but I agree with it and am opposed to any level of government getting into the control of any form of free speech. Not in ownership nor content nor controp of facilities.

J. Eells  
January 4, 2010, 7:46 pm  
2260 Roundtop Dr  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80918

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Stop a Washington takeover of the Internet!!!

Stephen Egan  
January 4, 2010, 7:46 pm  
13909 E Rockwell  
Spokane Valley, Washington 99216

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Sandra Eggers  
January 4, 2010, 7:46 pm  
11344 Sioux  
Redford, Michigan 48239

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David & Lori Eick  
January 4, 2010, 7:48 pm  
2120 Hercules Dr.  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80906

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Leave the internet as it is. It is working well for most Americans, so why fix what isn't broken.

Marie Eier  
January 4, 2010, 7:50 pm  
1403 15th Avenue  
Lewiston, Idaho 83501

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george a eifler  
January 4, 2010, 7:51 pm  
4109 e. st. joseph way  
phoenix, Arizona 85108

As an intensive user of the internet developed by free people for free people to provide them free access to the total information from around the world. It was NEVER intended nor designed to be controlled or regulated by Government in a free society. Now in a DICTORIAL form of government it may be envisioned since those people do not have FREEDOM. If the US government takes control, regulation or any other action regarding use or content of the internet then we are the same as North Korea, China, Iran. For sure this is not what FREE SOCIETIES DO!

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Harry Eitel  
January 4, 2010, 7:52 pm  
14019 Soper St.  
Cedar Lake, Indiana 46303

This is not China We have freedoms keep your lying theiving hands out of the internet.  
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Margaret Ellefson  
January 4, 2010, 7:53 pm  
1801 Baneberry Ct.  
Wausau, Wisconsin 54401

I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

I am interested in preserving the individual freedoms of American taxpayers. A Washington takeover of the internet would further strip the American people of our liberties and I ask that this not be allowed to happen.

Thank you.

Alison Elley  
January 4, 2010, 7:55 pm  
7606 NW 69th Terrace  
Kansas City, Missouri 64152

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LEAVE THE INTERNET ALONE. WE DON'T NEED THE GOVT'S HELP SCREWING THIS UP TOO.

Herndon Elliott  
January 4, 2010, 7:55 pm  
142 Kensington Drive  
Madison, Alabama 35758

I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The federal government regulatory efforts result in debilitating restrictions and limitations in nearly every regulatory area, and the heavily regulated areas of business are struggling to compete with the rest of the world. The Internet has put America on top of the world from a business and economic standpoint. Having the FCC start regulating routing policy is a recipe for destroying America's dominance of the Internet.

The FCC should stick to issues of ethical business practices related to consumers and stay completely out of the technology except in cases where competition is being undermined. Competition and capitalism are what has made America great.

I am a professional Computer Engineer. I have a master's degree in Computer Science from the University of Alabama. I also am a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP). I make my living working to protect a large enterprise network of nearly 6000 users. I live in the world of the Internet every day.

The FCC needs to stay out of this realm, and the US Federal Government needs to stop with this disgusting socialist anti-American agenda. Our Founding Fathers and framers of the US Constitution would be sickened by the "change" that our current regime is proposing and pressing forward.

Steven Elliott  
January 4, 2010, 7:55 pm  
120 Valley Springs Road  
Columbia, South Carolina 29223

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In other words, I want the government to stop intruding into my life and the life of business with your socialist control. We don't need you and your regulations.

Donald Ellis  
January 4, 2010, 7:57 pm  
39 Donald Drive  
Orinda, California 94563

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Kevin Ellis  
January 4, 2010, 7:57 pm  
18200 Ohio Court  
Orland Park, Illinois 60467

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I disapprove of the government taking over the internet.

Lisa Ellison  
January 4, 2010, 7:57 pm  
126 Streamview Dr.  
Cary, North Carolina 27519

Keep your hands off the internet. Keep your hands off my healthcare. Keep you hands out of my pocketbook. You have done enough damage to our freedom and liberty so take a vacation and go home.

Lisa Ellison

MARION ELLISON  
January 4, 2010, 7:58 pm  
PO BOX 548  
MINDEN, Nevada 89423

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Willard Elsberry  
January 4, 2010, 7:59 pm  
4733 Burgundy Place  
Lakeland, Florida 33813

As an American for Prosperity activist sympathizer, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Mark Engbring  
January 4, 2010, 7:59 pm  
730 Center St.  
Black Earth, Wisconsin 53515

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The internet is current fine AS IS .... a free and completely open platform for the public. There is absolutely no need for any type of control or regulation at this point. They public will call for intervention if it is ever needed, just listen to them for advice.

Craig England  
January 4, 2010, 8:00 pm  
218 SW 76th Street  
Lawton, Oklahoma 73505

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Bottom line up front: The internet currently operates efficiently in response to market demand, and allows for individual innovation and creativity in providing products and services that people want and can use. Excessive government regulation will only serve to encumber an already viable system and create more problems than solutions.

John Engles  
January 4, 2010, 8:00 pm  
52 Buie Road  
Summertown, Tennessee 38483

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John Engles  
January 4, 2010, 8:02 pm  
52 Buie Road  
Summertown, Tennessee 38483

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Carol English  
January 4, 2010, 8:02 pm  
9920 W. 34th Drive  
Wheat Ridge, Colorado 80033

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Curtis Epperly  
January 4, 2010, 8:03 pm  
6067 Studley Rd  
Mechanicsville, Virginia 23116

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In other words: KEEP THE GOVERNMENT OUT OF THE INTERNET. TO ALLOW THE GOVERNMENT ANY CONTROL WHATEVER IS ANOTHER STEP TOWARD TYRANNY.

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January 4, 2010, 8:03 pm

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Don Erbel  
January 4, 2010, 8:04 pm  
345 Dolan Avenue  
Mill Valley, California 94941

I have used the Internet since 1974 and I like it as it is.

I like it as it is, free and open.

Government regulation is against the freedom of the Internet.  
Get your hands off of it.

In addition, as an Americans for Prosperity supporter, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Thank you for your attention to a basic tenet of a free society.

Kristi Etchberger  
January 4, 2010, 8:05 pm  
7225 Oakbank Drive  
Glendora, California 91741

Leave the Internet alone. It works perfectly well without government interference. Americans do not want government involvement and it will be remembered at the next election.

Bill Etheredge  
January 4, 2010, 8:06 pm  
92 Veranda Lane  
Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida 32082

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Darlene Eulie  
January 4, 2010, 8:07 pm  
1735 S. 88th St.  
Omaha, Nebraska 68124

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Linda Evans  
January 4, 2010, 8:07 pm  
4748 Calle de Nubes  
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012

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Major businessS depend on networks for doing business. Government needs to stay out of the way!

Daniel Evensizer  
January 4, 2010, 8:07 pm  
1836 A Street NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

My personal feeling is that this bill would take us toward what they have in PRC -- total gov't control of the internet.

I agree with the form letter remarks below, especially the one about 'no concrete evidence'. To restrict the freedom of the market place, which is really millions of consumers and thousands of competing ISPs, would require an exceptional emergency. There is no such emergency, so this is just another power grab by Congress. Limited gov't and trust in the responsibility of ordinary people is the American tradition. Let us keep it that way!

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Donald Ewing  
January 4, 2010, 8:07 pm  
599N 850E  
Wellsville, Utah 84339

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The government screws up everything they touch - please stay away from the internet.

Sherri Ezell  
January 4, 2010, 8:07 pm  
1013 Meridian St  
Nashville, Tennessee 37207

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Richard Fairbairn  
January 4, 2010, 8:08 pm  
5530 Donegal Rd.  
Hubertus, Wisconsin 53033

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January 4, 2010, 8:08 pm  
54 Willow Lane  
Winona, Minnesota 55987

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Mel Falb II  
January 4, 2010, 8:11 pm  
14563 goudy rd  
Dalton, Ohio 44618

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Judith Falk  
January 4, 2010, 8:12 pm  
7602 Barkwood Ct  
Beltsville, Maryland 20705

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Sharon Fanger  
January 4, 2010, 8:13 pm  
351 Jones Ave  
South Haven, Michigan 49090

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james farrell  
January 4, 2010, 8:13 pm  
9 sony run rd  
newburgh, New York 12550

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Tami Fasching  
January 4, 2010, 8:15 pm  
8811 W 132nd Terr  
Overland Park, Kansas 66213

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TIM FAUST  
January 4, 2010, 8:15 pm  
223 S PARK DR APT C4  
WOODBIDGE, New Jersey 7095

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Regards,  
Tim

Dan Feldt  
January 4, 2010, 8:16 pm  
W168 N5068 Stonefield Rd.  
Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin 53051

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ANTHONY FENECH  
January 4, 2010, 8:16 pm  
597 N TURNBERRY DR  
ORANGE, California 92869-2576

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Eileen Fernandez  
January 4, 2010, 8:16 pm  
7450 Haydon Lane  
Shingletown, California 96088-9469

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January 4, 2010, 8:19 pm  
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Stop the rules of restrictions on free access and expression.

Lee and Eren Fesko  
January 4, 2010, 8:20 pm  
2056 Wilson Pike  
Franklin, Tennessee 37067

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Jim Fettinger  
January 4, 2010, 8:21 pm  
1202 1/2 College ave  
Huntington, Indiana 46750

China regulates their Internet and the people find ways around it. The tighter the control the more people will resist. We are the greatest nation in history because we have freedom. If we loose freedom then we are no longer a viable state and we will become anothe. Euro-socialist state. We are not China, the current leftist control is driving people back to the center. Each push to the left, leads us farther to the right.

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robert fico  
January 4, 2010, 8:21 pm  
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Mark Field  
January 4, 2010, 8:22 pm  
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Richard Field  
January 4, 2010, 8:23 pm  
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Greg Fillman  
January 4, 2010, 8:24 pm  
10631 176th Ave SE  
Renton, Washington 98059

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Susan Finegan  
January 4, 2010, 8:24 pm  
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The Government Printing Office (GPO) charged the Supreme Court \$35/page for printing their slip opinions. I offered to do it for \$3.50/page a 90% discount (and could have done it for nothing as it cost us more than \$3.50 to duplicate their work) but was turned down cold because of the union power at the GPO. Once I started on my selling job I was required to become a registered lobbyist; and with no axe to grind I registered as a representative for the free enterprise system -- the first and only lobbyist that wanted to give the government something rather than get something. The GPO was under the House Administration Committee whose Chairman Wayne Hays ran into trouble first announced in the Washington Post and after resigning his Committee chairmanship and his chairmanship of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee where he was "the dispenser of the funds" to the Democrats he finally resigned his seat in the House. The GPO was also under the Senate Rules and Administration Committee chaired by Sen. Howard Cannon of Nevada who failed to get reelected following the trial

and conviction of Roy Williams, President of the Teamsters Union, in which wiretap recordings and direct testimony discussed the very substantial bribe for Senator Cannon's help in defeating the deregulation of the trucking industry.

A lot has been done since 1980 despite the organization efforts of organized labor. If they had their way back in my day you guys wouldn't have this fight today. BUT LOOK AROUND -- THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM IS UNDER ATTACK AS BAD AS IT HAS EVER BEEN SINCE WE BECAME A COUNTRY.

Mildred Fischer  
January 4, 2010, 8:26 pm  
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Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

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January 4, 2010, 8:26 pm  
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Patricia Fitzgerald  
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Stay out of the Internet. Haven't you already managed to screw up social security, medicare, TARP funds, government take-over of banks, autos, now trying for healthcare, and the list goes on. Keep your hands off of our Internet. It runs fine without you and can only be guaranteed to fail once you get involved. First straighten out all the problems with terrorists being able to get on airplanes or bringing firearms onto Forts to kill our soldiers, then address the other issues previously mentioned above. If and when you can demonstrate that you can do something right, maybe the public would be willing to give you a shot at this. But for now, you're just playing politics and trying to punish anyone who actually makes money or believes in freemarket capitalism and you're rewarding all those content to be recipients of social services. Keep it up and enough Americans will revolt and have to dismantle everything that the government puts its dirty hands on.

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January 4, 2010, 8:27 pm  
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Liberty Hill, Texas 78642

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Dr. Michele Fleming  
January 4, 2010, 8:31 pm  
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Jacksonville, Florida 32223

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You would be restricting my right to free speech on the internet if you start government regulations of it. Keep the government out of private industry!!!

Joseph Fletcher  
January 4, 2010, 8:33 pm  
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Nashville, Tennessee 37206

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I am against any more government regulations. Period.

Tim Flor  
January 4, 2010, 8:34 pm  
1521 Deer Trail Lks  
Clarkesville, Georgia 30523

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We The People are the government no the other way around. Remember that.

David Florea  
January 4, 2010, 8:34 pm  
PO Box 488  
Donald, Oregon 97020

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Thomas Flores  
January 4, 2010, 8:34 pm  
21215 Villa Valencia  
San Antonio, Texas 78258

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Sincerely,  
Thomas Flores

John Foell  
January 4, 2010, 8:40 pm  
6130 Deer Track Cove  
Auburn, Indiana 46706-9323

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Evelyn Foffel  
January 4, 2010, 8:45 pm  
874 NE MM HWY  
Knob Noster, Missouri 65336

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Net neutrality sounds so innocent, we know it is not!

William Folk  
January 4, 2010, 8:46 pm  
PO Box 488  
Crestone, Colorado 81131

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Ellen Follansbee  
January 4, 2010, 8:47 pm  
W159S7588 Quietwood Cr  
Muskego, Wisconsin 53150

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HUBERT FOOTE  
January 4, 2010, 8:49 pm  
1405 CEDAR STREET  
NICEVILLE, Florida 32578

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Linda Foote  
January 4, 2010, 8:50 pm  
1914 Waxleaf Green  
Huntsville, Alabama 35803

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No more government controls!

David A. Foran  
January 4, 2010, 8:50 pm  
65 Viewcrest Dr.  
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

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S. Forbes  
January 4, 2010, 8:52 pm  
2900 First Avenue, Apt. N-408  
2900 First Avenue, Apt. N-408  
Seattle, Washington 98121

I want less government interference in markets, the internet and in my life. The Constitution is to restrain the government by providing limited enumerated powers. My elected representatives took an oath to protect and defend the Constitution and I expect them to do a better job, no a stellar job, in that effort. The FCC is likewise on notice. As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Denise Ford  
January 4, 2010, 8:52 pm  
1360 SW 179th Court  
Aloha, Oregon 97006

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STAY the HELL out of our LIVES!

Brad Forscher  
January 4, 2010, 8:53 pm  
6334 Ansley Cir  
Lithia Springs, Georgia 30122

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Scott Fortney  
January 4, 2010, 8:55 pm  
6960 Huntingdon Street  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17111

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Respectfully,

Scott A Fortney

Barbara Foster  
January 4, 2010, 8:56 pm  
122 10th St  
Belford, New Jersey 7718

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This Government is taking over too much power ... Taking over free speech is socialism! Hands off!

R Foster  
January 4, 2010, 8:56 pm  
4377 Espirit Dr.  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80524

I oppose the government takeover of the internet as this will mean more of government control of our freedom of speech.

L.A. Fox  
January 4, 2010, 8:56 pm  
2660 NE Hwy 20  
Bend, Oregon 97701

As an American Citizen, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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I repeat - YOU ARE FLAWED! Don't be so arrogant as to think that you know best when it comes to the internet.

L. A. Fox

Brian Fra  
January 4, 2010, 8:56 pm  
8649 Hillside Manor Dr  
Springfield, Virginia 22152

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William France  
January 4, 2010, 8:57 pm  
30680 Cypress Park Dr  
Denham Springs, Louisiana 70726

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Keep government off Americans.

David Francois  
January 4, 2010, 8:59 pm  
3500 E Park Blvd, #601  
Plano, Texas 75074

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Additionally, every piece of equipment used to bring the internet to the millions of homes and businesses in this country was purchased by private entities. The government has no business confiscating the equipment belonging to private entities or telling them how they can run their own networks.

John Frazier  
January 4, 2010, 8:59 pm  
6 Meltzer Court  
Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050

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Brad Freberg  
January 4, 2010, 8:59 pm  
1127 S. 115th St.  
West Allis, Wisconsin 53214

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To advocate for government control, or regulation of anything in the interest of increasing competition, is laughable. With the exception of the military, the government is not capable of doing anything right. Look at "cash for clunkers" as evidence. The government couldn't run a kool-aid stand properly. I've got a program that the government could apply to almost all situations, and the result would be good for consumers, manufacturers, entities like the internet, people who want jobs, etc., and it would cost the taxpayers nothing. It is called, "THE STAY OUT OF IT ACT OF 2010".

Benedict Frederick, Jr  
January 4, 2010, 9:00 pm  
w3obv@msn.com  
8129 Pinehurst Harbour Way  
Pasadena, Maryland 21122

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Glenda Frei  
January 4, 2010, 9:01 pm  
1187 Long Haul Rd  
Grangeville, Idaho 83530

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JoAnne Froemming  
January 4, 2010, 9:01 pm  
4 Albala Lane  
Hot Springs Village, Arkansas 71909

As an Americans, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The Federal Communications Commission is moving ahead with proposed "Open Internet" rules, which would give federal regulators vast new powers, and ultimately lead to government control of the Internet. This move is being attempted WITHOUT the consent of Congress and would directly affect our Constitutional right of free speech. Where does a Federal Agency get its authority to do this?

I am absolutely against the enactment of these rules!

Jack Frohbieter  
January 4, 2010, 9:01 pm  
34 Cranbury neck road  
Cranbury, New Jersey 8512

I am submitting the following comment regarding GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

I am opposed to the concept of "Net Neutrality". Persons and companies that have invested in the infrastructure of the internet should have control of that resource. With all of the methods of accessing the Internet a private company that blocks or censors Internet traffic inappropriately will lose its customers to other suppliers. If government seizes control of the Internet, we will have no alternative if we are dissatisfied with our service. It appears the Commission intends to control traffic in ways it considers "fair". They have no right to do this. Transforming the Internet into a government-controlled public utility is a major policy change and the Commission should not set into motion regulatory changes that will force us down this path. To do so raises constitutional questions of taking of property. The Internet has become a great engine of innovation, growth, and expression. The heavy hand of government must not become its destroyer.

Jerry Fronabarger  
January 4, 2010, 9:02 pm  
1921 Manor Grove Road  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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Paul Fruin  
January 4, 2010, 9:03 pm  
9461 SW Tauchman St.  
Wilsonville, Oregon 97070

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January 4, 2010, 9:03 pm  
2407 Hal Circle  
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Barbara Gabbert  
January 4, 2010, 9:04 pm  
652 Spring St.  
Allen, Texas 75002

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Keep our Internet free!

Michael Gabrysch  
January 4, 2010, 9:05 pm  
2102 Sherwin  
Houston, Texas 77007

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Donna Gaiger  
January 4, 2010, 9:07 pm  
22858 Papago Road  
Apple Valley, California 92307-1196

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Ed Galicki  
January 4, 2010, 9:10 pm  
4227 Mt. Herbert Ave.  
San Diego, California 92117

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You may be officials, but you don't own the world. Keep your hands off of our internet. You have no authority or right to stake any claim of ownership or control of it.

Anne Galivan  
January 4, 2010, 9:12 pm  
337 Beaver Lake Road  
Tallahassee, Florida 32312

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William Galivan  
January 4, 2010, 9:13 pm  
337 Beaver Lake Rd  
Tallahassee, Florida 32312

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Bev Gallaway  
January 4, 2010, 9:14 pm  
89257 UPL RT  
Lynch, Nebraska 68746

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Michael Gallie  
January 4, 2010, 9:16 pm  
640 McKnight st #B203  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

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I'd also like to add that anyone who supports this is a communist bastard and deserves a bullet in the head. I consider them enemies of the state.

ALBERT GALLOTTA  
January 4, 2010, 9:18 pm  
10790 Shadow Lane  
Fairfax Station, Virginia 22039

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Joe Galuska  
January 4, 2010, 9:20 pm  
4500 Cherryland Street  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15214

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**STOP THIS COMMUNIST TAKE OVER NOW! WE WON'T STAND FOR IT!**

Edwin Gantz  
January 4, 2010, 9:22 pm  
18830 NW Rock Creek Circle 262  
Portland, Oregon 97229

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Doug Garman  
January 4, 2010, 9:22 pm  
139 spruce dr.  
Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15905

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PJ. Garner  
January 4, 2010, 9:23 pm  
10080 Hart Ave  
Huntington Woods, Michigan 48070

I fail to see any good in this proposal. The free market has regulated itself quite well with regards to the internet without interference from government entities. There has been no proof of any kind of discriminatory or anti-competitive behavior, and the idea of content restrictions (paragraph 77 of the NPRM) with the government as arbiter goes against the 1st Amendment.

Indeed, the current administration's labeling of those who disagree with it as "extremists" should be a wake-up call to everyone, for one day those who would stifle free speech with regulations will be on the other side of the table.

This is a really, really bad idea and whoever proposed it needs to be sent packing.

Ronnie Garner  
January 4, 2010, 9:23 pm  
14021 Wind Mountain Rd, NE  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87112

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Lack of innovation would cripple the internet and then it would have to be "rescued" with taxpayer subsidies. No one wants government control of such a rapidly evolving science because government control always favors the status quo, and this would inevitably lead to politicization and influence by members of congress. Eventually, a "public utility" model would arise as desired by many proponents of regulation, including former White House adviser Susan Crawford and Free Press founder Robert McChesney.

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Advocates of so-called "net neutrality" have not presented any evidence of discriminatory or anti-competitive behavior and there is simply no rationale for imposing new regulations that could have the effect of slowing down the great engine of highly effective innovation, growth, and expression that the less regulated, competitive Internet has become.

Ben Garnto  
January 4, 2010, 9:24 pm  
2706 Second Ave Columbus, GA  
columbus, Georgia 31904

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Evegene Garrison  
January 4, 2010, 9:24 pm  
15003 E 41st St S  
Independence, Missouri 64055-4252

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There is way more than enough government control of all aspects of our lives in the U.S. We don't need another one added to the list---we need to start subtracting from the list if we are to head in the right direction!!!!

Richard Garrison  
January 4, 2010, 9:25 pm  
1784 N. Decatur Road  
G1  
Atlanta, Georgia 30322

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Richard Garrison  
January 4, 2010, 9:26 pm  
1536 Rockbridge Road  
Stone Mountain, Georgia 30087

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Larry Garver  
January 4, 2010, 9:26 pm  
2749A Mckinnie Rd  
Grand Ridge, Florida 32442

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Larry

Donn Garvey, Jr.  
January 4, 2010, 9:27 pm  
9475 Cottonwood Lane  
Leland, North Carolina 28451

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet free of government control and resulting censorship. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Janet Gary  
January 4, 2010, 9:29 pm  
1235 twelve oaks ct  
murrysville, Pennsylvania 15668

We cannot have Chinese-style internet control. Keep the government away from the internet!!

Patricia Garza  
January 4, 2010, 9:30 pm  
2560 W Dolbrook Way  
Tucson, Arizona 85741

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Enough is enough...we will not live like those in China and Iran!

Patricia Garza  
January 4, 2010, 9:31 pm  
2560 W Dolbrook Way  
Tucson, Arizona 85741

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This is America, we want our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness without government interference in our internet, our health and our lives.

charles gazdik  
January 4, 2010, 9:34 pm  
5545 pathfinder  
casper, Wyoming 82604

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**FACT, YOU KEEP INTERFERING WITH THE AMERICAN LIFE AND YOU  
WILL PAY!!!**

Karen Gearreald  
January 4, 2010, 9:38 pm  
1342 Cornwall Place  
Norfolk, Virginia 23508

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I strenuously object to the FCC's proposed new rules regarding "net neutrality" or the so-called "Open Internet." Government must not takeover the Internet. The Internet must remain under private control and in private hands so that there is true freedom of expression and so that legal free enterprise is unencumbered.

deb geffe  
January 4, 2010, 9:38 pm  
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1103 Blaine Rd  
granger, Washington 98932

no more government involvement in my life

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George Gehrman  
January 4, 2010, 9:40 pm  
613 Sawtooth St.  
Powell, Wyoming 82435

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Rick Gemar  
January 4, 2010, 9:41 pm  
175 Childs Ave  
Ogden, Utah 84404

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Keep government and Obamacrats out of control of the internet!!!!

Christine Genge  
January 4, 2010, 9:41 pm  
4815 E Carefree Hwy., A108-271  
Cave Creek, Arizona 85331

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Dale Gerber  
January 4, 2010, 9:42 pm  
3141 Pleasant View Drive  
Manheim, Pennsylvania 17545

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Eugene Gerczak  
January 4, 2010, 9:43 pm  
34772 Mute Swan Lane  
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

In order for a society to remain free from government intrusion it must have an unrestricted means to voice it's concerns.

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A change in the rules governing the internet would dramatically adversely impact on the right of expression that I have guaranteed to me by the Constitution.

I am strongly opposed to any actions taken by members of Congress or the Administration to in any way alter the internet.

Robert Gerle, Sr.  
January 4, 2010, 9:43 pm  
16620 E. 107th Court  
Commerce City, Colorado 80022

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China controls thier population's internet. China is a Communist Country.

I hold a 1st Class 'Phone FCC license (no a General Class).

Robert Gernandt  
January 4, 2010, 9:45 pm  
P.O. Box 292883  
Phelan, California 92329

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I feel the government has enough problems to solve without taking on the internet and a host international companies.

James Gerrish  
January 4, 2010, 9:46 pm  
116 Sanford Street  
East Orange, New Jersey 7018

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James Gerritz  
January 4, 2010, 9:47 pm  
4111 S. Eliot St.  
Sheridan, Colorado 80110

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Natashya Giardina  
January 4, 2010, 9:47 pm  
353 Thorncliff Landing  
Acworth, Georgia 30101

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**ABSOLUTELY DO NOT TAKE AWAY MY FREEDOM OF SPEECH.**

Sincerely,  
Natashya Giardina

EMILY GIBSON  
January 4, 2010, 9:48 pm  
4416 CARRICK COURT  
CHESAPEAKE, Virginia 23321

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**SAY NO TO SOCIALISM AND THE GOVT THINKING FOR PEOPLE. MAKE PEOPLE THINK FOR THEMSELVES OR SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR OWN ACTIONS OR LACK THEREOF.**

Floyd Gibson  
January 4, 2010, 9:48 pm  
1824 Ceres Way  
Sacramento, California 95864

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Government does not have a good record of giving its citizens the freedom to express themselves on the media. Government controls thoughts and speech. Our freedoms are in trouble if the FCC decides to control the internet. Don't do it.

Denise Giesler  
January 4, 2010, 9:49 pm  
5214 Highland Trail  
Acworth, Georgia 30102

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David Gignac  
January 4, 2010, 9:49 pm  
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#19 B  
Norfolk, Virginia 23509

Let's stop the lunacy...the govment can't run anything well and usually runs things at a deficit until they run into the ground (witness social security or The Post Office). I fear if GM doesn't disentangle themselves soon they will wind up in this same boat. Please let's not break something that works. Keep The Internet loose, free and OPEN

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Catherine Gilbert  
January 4, 2010, 9:50 pm  
630 Pine Meadow Drive  
Zionsville, Indiana 46077

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You are an arm of the people of the United States of America. You do not have the authority to stifle this vital communication system. Be cautious of your choices.

Daniel Gilbert, Ph.D.  
January 4, 2010, 9:50 pm  
16231 Moorpark St.  
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Drew Gill  
January 4, 2010, 9:55 pm  
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Wichita, Kansas 67207

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I further wish to state that I don't trust governmental beauracracies such as the FCC to be aligned with the principles that made America great, such as free enterprise.

Dorrie Gillingham  
January 4, 2010, 9:57 pm  
774 Roguelea Lane  
Grants Pass, Oregon 97526

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With all that being said, I will fight to my last breath for SMALLER GOVERNMENT, just as our founding fathers intended.

GET OUT OF THE WAY OF THE PEOPLE!!

Catherine Gilstrap  
January 4, 2010, 9:58 pm  
110 Whipp Drive  
Winchester, Virginia 22602

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Dennis Gimlin  
January 4, 2010, 9:58 pm  
3238 Shalimar Terrace  
Pueblo, Colorado 81008`

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The Internet works fine, and we don't want the government mucking it up. Leave it alone!

Alan Gingras  
January 4, 2010, 9:59 pm  
48 Tsienneto Rd  
Derry, New Hampshire 3038

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Donald Girvin  
January 4, 2010, 10:02 pm  
2099 Dean Road  
Bethel, Ohio 45106

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Eric Giunta  
January 4, 2010, 10:04 pm  
6946 Mariposa Circle Court  
Pembroke Pines, Florida 33331

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John Givens  
January 4, 2010, 10:07 pm  
15 Hickory Hills Circle  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72212

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LOIS GIVENS

January 4, 2010, 10:07 pm

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Michael Glanz  
January 4, 2010, 10:08 pm  
16212 Bothell-Evt. Hwy  
Mill Creek, Washington 98012

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Diane Glass  
January 4, 2010, 10:08 pm  
509 Church St.  
Middletown, New Jersey 7748

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In other words, Big Government Stay Out!!

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January 4, 2010, 10:13 pm  
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New York, Montana 2204

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B.G. and Carol Godec  
January 4, 2010, 10:13 pm  
5606 Dusty Chaps Drive  
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Christopher Godellas  
January 4, 2010, 10:14 pm  
2660 Constitution Court  
Lindenhurst, Illinois 60046

To Whom It May Concern:

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Sincerely,

Christopher Godellas

Douglas Godfrey  
January 4, 2010, 10:14 pm  
127 East Street  
Duxbury, Massachusetts 2332

As an American citizen, opposed to the socialist, big-government, big spending agenda of President Obama, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

I am adamantly opposed to the Federal Communications Commission proposed "Open Internet" rules, which would give federal regulators vast new powers, and ultimately lead to government control of the Internet.

John Gonzales  
January 4, 2010, 10:14 pm  
7741 Lookout Drive  
La Jolla, California 92037

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I would also add that since the internet is used as a form of expression, debate and opinion that it holds the same first amendment rights as news papers, magazines, and TV news broadcasts enjoy. For the FCC, a non legislative office, to force regulations on the internet and people of America who use it without due process is a clear violation of the first amendment of the constitution.

Deborah Gonzalez  
January 4, 2010, 10:16 pm  
11909 Gran Crique Ct. S.  
Jacksonville, Florida 32223

As an Americans for Prosperity and As A Mom activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Russell Good  
January 4, 2010, 10:17 pm  
6360 300th Ave NE  
North Branch, Minnesota 55056

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

Please stop and consider how badly this will make the economy plunge even further. Nothing is gained but control by the government and that much control is angering all Americans.

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Sally Goodfellow  
January 4, 2010, 10:18 pm  
8546 Brookings Drive  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28269

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket

The Internet should not, under any circumstances, be Government-controlled!

I am especially concerned that the Commission is already contemplating Internet content restrictions, such as the suggestion under paragraph 77 of the NPRM that the Commission may ultimately be the arbiter of which competing interests should be prioritized.

Heavens no!

Frankie Ann Goodson  
January 4, 2010, 10:19 pm  
420 Mesa Dr. Apt. I-33  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72211

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Please do not do this. Leave us some freedom. Please, please don't do this to us.

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James Goodwin  
January 4, 2010, 10:20 pm  
1021 Ravine Ter  
Jacksonville, Florida 32259

Continue to monitor, but do not make new laws that restrict free competition. Only act when a situation becomes aggrevious as you have apparently done in the past.  
The free market will police the companies. We don't want or need more government oversight and interference we want less!

Jim Goodwin

Deanna S Gordinier  
January 4, 2010, 10:22 pm  
9701 DANWOOD LN NW  
#2  
SILVERDALE, Washington 98383

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I can barely afford the internet, which should be free for everyone, I definitely cannot afford Cable or Dish T.V.

Cynthia Gordon  
January 4, 2010, 10:25 pm  
8009 Little Deer Crossing  
Austin, Texas 78736

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Thank you,  
Page Gordon

Pat Gorman  
January 4, 2010, 10:25 pm  
1028 St. Margarets Dr.  
Annapolis, Maryland 21409

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Brian Gorrell  
January 4, 2010, 10:25 pm  
12005 S.W. 1st ST  
Yukon, Oklahoma 73099

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The most important aspect of the internet boils down to one word only: FREEDOM. The idea of "net neutrality" is an insane double standard because on the internet everyone has a voice, and everyone has freedom of speech. If you don't agree with a website, then leave! If an attempt is made to regulate or control the internet, the most important of all American rights, FREEDOM OF SPEECH, will be destroyed! The American people can not, and will not stand for this in my humble opinion.

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Stand with the American people for FREEDOM of SPEECH, not additional government control taking us further and further from the basic ideals upon which this country was founded!

Steve Gorzak  
January 4, 2010, 10:26 pm  
988 Ascot Drive  
Elgin, Illinois 60123

As an American, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Robert Gottschalk  
January 4, 2010, 10:28 pm  
428 Collinsford Road  
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

As an American citizen, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

I object to any attempt by MY government to control any activity that does not violate a law of crime or limits in any way competitive business. As a tax payer for all my life, I expect every government official to respect my wishes as one of the people that pay government salaries. Therefore, the following statement specific to GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Karen Goulet  
January 4, 2010, 10:29 pm  
329 Palmetto Rd  
Nokomis, Florida 34275

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:  
**KEEP FREE ENTERPRISE FREE! THAT IS WHAT MADE OUR NATION GREAT BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT GOT INVOLVED.**

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Norman Gowens  
January 4, 2010, 10:30 pm  
7025 Harvey Dr.  
Waco, Texas 76710

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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In case you haven't heard, Americans want less government control, not more.

Warren Grabow  
January 4, 2010, 10:38 pm  
1057 Juniper  
Atwater, California 95301

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Please leave the internet alone.

August Grammas  
January 4, 2010, 10:38 pm  
4376 Cove Island Drive  
Marietta, Georgia 30067

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Additionally, crippling private companies will reduce future tax revenues - a stupid path to take in the current economy.

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Glenda Grandioso  
January 4, 2010, 10:38 pm  
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Keep the government out of the internet it is already into my business enough.

Linda Grant  
January 4, 2010, 10:39 pm  
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P.O.Box 174  
Pitcairn, Pennsylvania 15140

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Leave the internet alone! Americans do not need government interference in this area.

W.H. Grant  
January 4, 2010, 10:40 pm  
29 Linden Av  
Asheville, North Carolina 28801

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William Grant  
January 4, 2010, 10:46 pm  
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Rainier, Oregon 97048

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

Are you listening?

Your corrput behavior will not be tolerated much longer by the honest, decent and hard-working citizens of this country. We the people are fed up with your strong-arm tactics. Your "open Internet" ploy is just one more element of your corrupt struggle to gain power and control over the principled people of this nation.

With all due respect to your position -- we the people have watched long enough, as you, the "rulers of darkness", have expanded your authoritarian supremacy behind closed doors, at midnight, on weekends and in all areas of executive and congressional accountability. You have become drunkards in the quest for power and control. Be aware that in the end the truth will win.

Thank you.

John Graves  
January 4, 2010, 10:48 pm  
3799 Windyke Dr.  
Memphis, Tennessee 38125

I am deeply concerned about the FCC and their plans to take over the internet. We do not need any more Government takeover of any organization that continues to gobble up more power from the American people than they already have.

John Graves

John Green  
January 4, 2010, 10:48 pm  
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Northridge, California 91325

I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

General comment. I am far more worried about the government interfering with Internet access than I am about any private company. Any such attempt by a private company would be met with marketplace restraints and public outrage (probably over the internet!), and would be self regulating. Lawful Internet use is pretty much free from government restriction, and that is the optimum for a democratic society; government control of any media should be restricted to the least amount possible. If problems develop with service providers, THAT is the time to consider rules. I don't think that a "pre-emptive" set of rules is necessary or desirable.

Having said that, here are some suggestions on specific items:

I think that rule 5 should specifically allow service providers to offer different service levels, i.e., access speeds. The language appears to be so broad that it could be construed that providers have to give all users the same speed.

It should be understood and clearly defined that in some cases high bandwidth use by one customer might restrict the access of other users to the internet. That is, someone who is constantly downloading movies or Peer-to-peer content might use up so much bandwidth that other users have degraded capabilities. Thus, the rules should specifically allow the access providers to restrict certain types of activities **ONLY IF THEY ARE ADVERSELY AFFECTING BANDWIDTH, and ONLY FOR THE LIMITED TIME REQUIRED FOR NETWORK HEALTH.** The way the proposed rules are written, they may keep companies from protecting the bandwidth of all users.

Rule 6 should have language that protects an access provider from having to disclose to the public any proprietary technology relating to bandwidth and network throughput maintenance. Such technology could be available to the Commission, but a company may have serious investments in technology that should be protected.

Robert Green  
January 4, 2010, 10:49 pm  
133 Brookwood Trail  
Waleska, Georgia 30183

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Robert Green

william greene  
January 4, 2010, 10:50 pm  
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royersford, Pennsylvania 19468

keep the government out of the internet

Dorothy Greer  
January 4, 2010, 10:50 pm  
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Palm Bay, Florida 32905

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Richard Greer  
January 4, 2010, 10:50 pm  
197 Camino del Mundo Dr  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80524

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The internet is not broken in its present state. Leave it alone.

Todd Greer  
January 4, 2010, 10:51 pm  
225 Smith Rd  
St. Charles, Illinois 60174

I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

It is disheartening when government can not seem to leave innovation and proven private enterprise alone because it does not deliver the message they would like to hear.

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Let us not corrupt what has made this country great, free enterprise and entrepreneurs. Government control leads ultimately to waste and corruption; see the former Soviet Union.

Linda Gregory  
January 4, 2010, 10:52 pm  
3057 1/2 Gunnison Ave  
Grand Junction, Colorado 81504

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We have the luxury of being able to communicate ideas, knowlegdge, information and in a country which under its constitution has freedom of speech as it's 1st amendment right. I see that Liberal Facism is alive and well under this administration.

Chris Greninger  
January 4, 2010, 10:53 pm  
104 Lanita Drive  
Roland, Oklahoma 74954

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Keep your hands off my internet.

Richard Greninger  
January 4, 2010, 10:53 pm  
277 Ida Red Drive  
Leesport, Pennsylvania 19533

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Mary Grez  
January 4, 2010, 10:53 pm  
158 Hillside Dr  
158 Hillside Dr  
Neptune, New Jersey 07753-5500

Ours is a government of the people, for the people, and by the people.

I am one of "the people".

The government has no business, no right, to control the internet.

If the government tries to control the internet, there will be more outrage than has been seen thus far.

Many, many people, unfortunately, still believe that this government does not want to control us.

An internet takeover will quickly convince them otherwise.

And people will not be fooled by a "bailout scheme" where the internet is concerned.

You would be wise to make certain that the internet is not controlled by the government.

We, the people, are watching.

Michelle Griffin  
January 4, 2010, 10:55 pm  
908 JB Walker Road  
New Market, Alabama 35761

Not interested in socialized media/internet/communications

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Michael Griffith  
January 4, 2010, 10:56 pm  
105 Mauldin Drive  
Alpharetta, Georgia 30004

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Ted Grimes  
January 4, 2010, 11:01 pm  
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Seattle, Washington 98144

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In short, Regulators should regulate existing statutes - not create new policy by stretching or making up new rules based on political issues. That last role belongs to Congress. You only implement existing policy.

Brian Griset  
January 4, 2010, 11:04 pm  
26 Cullen Way  
Exeter, New Hampshire 3833

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The Free Market system created the wide diversity and explosive growth in the internet. Creation of additional regulations will cause "unintended" consequences which will result in the stagnation of this "American" product/service thereby allowing other countries to leap frog ahead of american innovation and cost U.S. citizens more jobs like those lost due to over regulation of other American industries! Enough is enough!

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David Grosmann  
January 4, 2010, 11:09 pm  
483 Woodland Place  
Pittsboro, Indiana 46167

Has the Obama administration ever heard of the First Amendment????? IT'S FREEDOM OF SPEECH. You politicians have turned your job into a gravey train to fill your pockets and take away every freedom this country was founded on, thus insuring your re-election by the lazy who are looking for a "free lunch" and illegal aliens who you are to the leagal voters to where they can vote for you. If you had to depend on Social Security, you'd get it fixed. If you didn't have your insanely rediculous retirements, which you were able to give yourselves, you'd fix the economy. But where is your money???? Shipped to investments overseas where the rules you cram down our throats don't apply to you. You are nothing but CROOK LAWYERS who are interested in nothing by being re-elected. And I do believe that there should be term limits on every politician.....first term in office, and the second in PRISON!!!

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Larry Gross  
January 4, 2010, 11:09 pm  
155 Bittersweet Lane  
Berryville, Virginia 22611

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In this complex world, I think it unwise to create a situation where difficult internet issues can only be solved with taxpayer subsidies leading to government control and politicization.

Any effort to change the Internet into a government-controlled public utility is a major policy change that should be debated in Congress, the legitimately elected legislative branch of government. The Commission should not on its own set into motion regulatory changes that will force us down this path.

RW Gross  
January 4, 2010, 11:10 pm  
360 Williamsburg Dr.  
Avon Lake, Ohio 44012

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I strongly urge you to halt steps to establish a federal regulatory body that interferes with a free market mechanism.

Lorna Grow  
January 4, 2010, 11:10 pm  
22294 R. Ave  
Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

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Kim Gruetzmacher  
January 4, 2010, 11:13 pm  
800 Marquette Ave  
Suite 100  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

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Keep your hands off my internet. How about keeping us safe?

MJ Gsell  
January 4, 2010, 11:14 pm  
11 Masters Ct.  
Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey 8087

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Earl Gudeman  
January 4, 2010, 11:14 pm  
4509 Northwood Drive  
Roanoke, Virginia 24017

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Ron Guenette  
January 4, 2010, 11:21 pm  
2365 Damon Drive  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80918

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Timothy Guest  
January 4, 2010, 11:23 pm  
560 Thomas Rd., Bolingbrook, IL  
Bolingbrook, Illinois 60440

Re: GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

Treating the Internet as a government-controlled public utility is a monumental mistake. Hasn't anyone there picked up on the fact that regulation inhibits progressive creativity, free speech and economic development?

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Michael Guillory  
January 4, 2010, 11:26 pm  
8415 NC 42 W  
Kenly, North Carolina 27542

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Try reading the Constitution you supposedly swore to protect, and keep your power-hungry, busy-body hands off of our freedoms!

Carol Gunderson  
January 4, 2010, 11:28 pm  
916 Seven Lakes, North  
West End, North Carolina 27376

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David Gunnells  
January 4, 2010, 11:28 pm  
2115 PINE LN  
HOOVER, Alabama 35226

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Paul Gunville  
January 4, 2010, 11:35 pm  
5308 Remington Dr  
Alexandria, Virginia 22309

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Mark Gurley  
January 4, 2010, 11:37 pm  
8180 Freska Lake Dr  
Comstock Park, Michigan 49321

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Bruce Guthrie  
January 4, 2010, 11:40 pm  
6406 135th pl SW  
Edmonds, Washington 98026

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Edward Gutowski  
January 4, 2010, 11:49 pm  
19420 Laurel  
Livonia, Michigan 48152

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Dane Guzzetta  
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56 Howder St.  
Hillsdale, Michigan 49242

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In addition, in this economic climate, unnecessary regulation of business activity and investment should be reduced. And most certainly not increased.

Richard Gyuro  
January 4, 2010, 11:53 pm  
13856 weowna way  
white city, Oregon 97503

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We don't need you Marxists in the Obama administration censoring our internet content.

Brian Haas  
January 4, 2010, 11:54 pm  
1201 Lester Rd  
Sunnyside, Washington 98944

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**LESS REGULATION IS BETTER!!!!!!!!!!**

Dorothy Haas  
January 4, 2010, 11:54 pm  
2070 Forest Dr,  
Clearwater, Florida 33763

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Note: Having chosen to join in the sending of the above comments by those far more knowledgeable than I, it is my sincere hope and prayer that you who receive this communication, will handle it, as well as other similar messages, with the utmost of consideration for what is asked for by the people who cast votes for men and women to serve the people of this country. The focus is on being a Public Servant, with a conscience that is reliably accountable to what is right in the eyes of God. Thank you for doing what is right; not just 'politically correct'!

robert haas  
January 4, 2010, 11:55 pm  
6718 whittier ave  
suite 200  
McLean, Virginia 22101

As a practicing attorney, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The Internet is now highly competitive and I use it extensively in my legal practice. There is no abuse that I can discern and in fact it is highly beneficial and very competitive! Traditional "phone" and traditional "cable" companies have been locked in an intense struggle to win customers, and wireless is rapidly becoming another viable alternative to wired broadband connections. If a private company blocked or censored Internet traffic maliciously it would lose its customers. If government exercised control over the Internet, it would become slow cumbersome and bureaucratic by definition.

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thank you for considering my comments, Bob Haas

Joanne Hack  
January 4, 2010, 11:58 pm  
122 Ham Rd  
Barrington, New Hampshire 3825

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, agree wholeheartedly with the following message and I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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This is still America. Let's keep it that way.

Judy Hackel  
January 5, 2010, 12:09 am  
1953 Lakeside Place  
Green Bay, Wisconsin 54302

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Amanda Halbert  
January 5, 2010, 12:12 am  
8435 River Rd  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28412

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My understanding is that the WWW stands for World Wide Web. How can the leftist Marxist regime in Washington expect to become the world's internet police state considering that they pass laws that protect certain internet predators under the guise of the 1st Amendment? Leave the internet alone!

Kaylie Halbrook  
January 5, 2010, 12:25 am  
304 Woodland Dr.  
Fuquay Varina, North Carolina 27526

I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

I believe that the internet market has the power to regulate itself. There are a multiplicity of companies offering internet service. If a private company blocked or censored Internet traffic maliciously it would lose its customers.

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Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

Heide Halik  
January 5, 2010, 12:28 am  
2661 Solomons Island Road  
Edgewater, Maryland 21037

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Sincerely,  
Heide Halik

James Hall  
January 5, 2010, 12:28 am  
1011 Anchor Bay West  
Greensboro, Georgia 30642

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Please refrain from misguidedly imposing regulations that would actually crush competition and remove investment incentive from private providers.

Kay Hall  
January 5, 2010, 12:28 am  
110 Bayberry Rd  
Versailles, Kentucky 40383

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Larry and Susan Hall  
January 5, 2010, 12:32 am  
9381 E Mountain Spring Rd  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85255

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Judith Halston  
January 5, 2010, 12:32 am  
2817 E. Glencove St  
Mesa, Arizona 85213

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Deborah Halverson  
January 5, 2010, 12:32 am  
13559 Grosse Pointe  
San Diego, California 92128

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The transformation of the Internet into a government-controlled public utility is a major policy change that should be debated in Congress, the legitimately elected legislative branch of government. The Commission should not on its own set into motion regulatory changes that will force us down this path. This is yet another circumvention of the government due process.

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John Hamlin  
January 5, 2010, 12:42 am  
1699 Dunstable Green  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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Jane Hamman  
January 5, 2010, 12:42 am  
P O Box 164  
Clancy, Montana 59634

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G HAMPSON  
January 5, 2010, 12:44 am  
7003 SANDY HOOK CIRCLE  
CHANHASSEN, Minnesota 55317

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Kevin Hampton  
January 5, 2010, 12:48 am  
1975 Kettle side Ct  
Richfield, Wisconsin 53076

As an American for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Margaret Hampton  
January 5, 2010, 12:49 am  
987 N Suncoast Blvd  
Crystal River, Florida 34429

As a concerned American, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet.

GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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That would be a dictatorial restraint without representation that could choke the lifeblood of the free exchange of information, ideas, news, opinions, business, and personal communication throughout this country, causing deprivation of freedoms and financial hardships on business and inventions.

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Bottom Line: Do not impose new regulations that could destroy private investment in the internet, and unlawfully could destroy our freedoms of speech and communication. You are paid with tax dollars to serve - not strangle - the people and communication systems in these United States.

Mark Hancock  
January 5, 2010, 12:56 am  
po box 5  
Fannin, Texas 77960

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Please let freedom and the constitution rule this country.  
Government doesn't create rights; government creates slaves!

Richard Handy  
January 5, 2010, 12:57 am  
5481 mississippi drive  
fairfield, Ohio 45014

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This is yet another example of too much government in our lives.

Pat Hankamp  
January 5, 2010, 12:59 am  
3045 Oak  
St. Ignace, Michigan 49781

NET NEUTRALITY MUST BE STOPPED...As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Colin Hanna  
January 5, 2010, 1:04 am  
603 Fairway Drive  
West Chester, Pennsylvania 19382

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

Let me make my comment simple: The government has no more business determining what content should and should not be carried on the Internet than it does in determining content in a newspaper. Under the guise of such sweet-sounding terms as "neutrality" and "openness," it appears to me that just the opposite is likely to occur if the FCC expands its control over the Internet by assuming or acquiring the power over content that is rightly exercised by Internet service providers. The best way to assure "neutrality" and "openness" on the Internet is to make all legislative and regulatory control over Internet content impermissible.

Thank you for your attention.

Colin  
Colin A. Hanna  
President  
Let Freedom Ring  
[www.LetFreedomRingUSA.com](http://www.LetFreedomRingUSA.com)

Jack Hannan  
January 5, 2010, 1:04 am  
3740 Metairie Hgts Ave  
Metairie, Louisiana 70002

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Government workers are not capable of administering to the needs of the Internet and they can only screw it up.

Walt Hannon  
January 5, 2010, 1:07 am  
2351 W NW HWY Suite 1300  
Dallass, Texas 75220

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52: GET OUT OF OUR LIVES !

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Dave Hansen  
January 5, 2010, 1:12 am  
197 Ramapo Rd.  
Garnerville, New York 10923

As an American and a military veteran, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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KATHY HANSEN  
January 5, 2010, 1:13 am  
1909 SANDY LAKE DRIVE  
FRIENDSWOOD, Texas 77546

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The Internet is highly competitive. I do not want this taken over by the government! If a private company blocked or censored Internet traffic maliciously it would lose its customers. If government exercised control over the Internet, there would be no place to turn. This is unconstitutional and defeats FREE SPEECH. We must have government get out of communications business--it has no right to be there unless it is specifically authorized for defense purposes--not to censor our citizens and their private business.

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Sincerely,

Kathy Hansen, MD

bryan hanson  
January 5, 2010, 1:18 am  
13721 e. lehigh ave.  
aurora, Colorado 80014

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Daniel Hanson  
January 5, 2010, 1:32 am  
82299 200th st  
Hayward, Minnesota 56043

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Sincerely,  
Daniel Hanson

Jan Hanson  
January 5, 2010, 1:43 am  
5959 S 12 St #106  
Tacoma, Washington 98465 1902

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Richard Hanson  
January 5, 2010, 1:46 am  
5959 S 12 St #106  
Tacoma, Washington 98465 1902

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Please do not be bought off. We need the FCC to be nonpartisan.

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Paul Hardy  
January 5, 2010, 2:23 am  
3110 Cherry Palm Drive  
Tampa, Florida 33619

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Our government seems to have enough problems under the current administration and can't even manage what they have now. Taking a program of Health Care that works for 80% of the population and breaking it to work for 20% of the population. How can they possibly effectively manage more with this kind of shortsighted vision towards socialism?

Get your own house in order and then we can vote(yes, this is America, on whether or not to give the government more power.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul

Daniel Harney  
January 5, 2010, 2:44 am  
1242 maple dr.  
1242 maple dr.  
Enumclaw,, Washington 98022

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I stand against this potential government interference and control. No socialism, or communism in america.

Christopher Harris  
January 5, 2010, 3:04 am  
101 Azalea Point Dr. South  
Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida 32082

Re: GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

Please do not let this misguided, Orwellian-named piece of legislation go through.

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Barbara A. Harrison  
January 5, 2010, 3:07 am  
4 Larison Lane  
Ringoos, New Jersey 8551

Government needs to stay out of the internet and stay out of our lives. Government is already too intrusive and meddling in every area of private life. Leave the internet alone!

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Gwen Harrison  
January 5, 2010, 3:11 am  
5416 Flag Tail Lane  
Crestview, Florida 32539

Any attempt to control the Internet, other than to ban pornography therefrom, is a clear violation of the right to free speech set forth in the First Amendment.

The current proposal for "net neutrality" is simply the thinly-veiled plan of the current White House administration, which is dominated by members of the Democratic party, to revoke the First Amendment rights of those who don't agree with them (i.e., Republicans, Libertarians, and Independents).

The Internet is a fabulous vehicle for information sharing and commerce. Allowing the Federal government to gain any control over it would negatively affect its ability to function as efficiently as it does now. And, any detrimental effects on the Internet will have economic repercussions for our country.

I am all for doing anything to eradicate pornography from the Internet. That seriously needs to be done. However, I do not believe it requires further government control of the Internet to accomplish such an objective.

Please stay out of the Internet. Find another way to infringe on the First Amendment rights of conservatives!

Joe Harrison  
January 5, 2010, 3:15 am  
2571 Aspen Cove Drive  
Vestavia Hills, Alabama 35243

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America has always stood for freedom of speech and expression. It's a 1st amendment right. The government takeover of the internet is a direct violation of this citizen right. The government has no right to control or censor the internet.

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Sam D. Harrison  
January 5, 2010, 3:39 am  
355 Horseshoe Bend Road  
Goldendale, Washington 98620

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As I see it, there are only two things now keeping this nation from complete Socialist/Communist takeover and control:

First is the Second Amendment to the Constitution.

Second is the open use of the Internet.

If those who would deprive the citizens of the United States of the continued implementation of both or either of these entities are successful, the control of the Socialists/Communists will be complete within a very short period of time.

Where do you stand on this?

Corinne Harrup  
January 5, 2010, 3:56 am  
1704 Forest Hills Dr  
Harker Heights, Texas 76548

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I would like you to record my opposition to new regulations that change the way the internet has grown and developed. Freedom of speech has always been a priority in this country and it should remain so.

Thank you,  
Corinne Harrup

John Hart  
January 5, 2010, 4:00 am  
811 Fairway Cove Lane  
Suite 204  
Bradenton, Florida 34212

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Timothy Hart  
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7275 Claybeck dr.  
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Flat Tax  
Less Government

bob hatfield  
January 5, 2010, 4:08 am  
34 clayridge ct  
bowling green, Kentucky 42103

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Thomas Hauck  
January 5, 2010, 4:29 am  
605 Farrington Post  
Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312

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Richard Havard  
January 5, 2010, 4:38 am  
1600 Stillhouse Hollow  
Prosperq, Texas 75078

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Darrell Hawkins  
January 5, 2010, 4:44 am  
7 South Longwood Lane  
Alexandria, Kentucky 41001

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No more government control of information! Everything you get into gets worse. Leave we, the people, alone!

Steven Hawkins  
January 5, 2010, 4:45 am  
13214 rocky ridge ranch  
Bonneville, Arkansas 72927

AMERICAN TALKING!!! THANK YOU I PAY YOUR SALARY! I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Winston Hawkins  
January 5, 2010, 4:55 am  
127 Sea Hawk Dr. W  
Duck, North Carolina 27949

This is a ridiculous power grab attempt by the government. I believe this to be unethical and monopolistic in its very nature.

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John Hayden  
January 5, 2010, 5:06 am  
6311 N. lakepont Place  
Parker, Colorado 80134

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Zora Hays  
January 5, 2010, 5:37 am  
P. O. Box 18145  
Asheville, North Carolina 28814

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Please leave the internet free and enjoyable and allow us to have a great instrument in our daily life without the crippling influence of government control. Thank you,

We, The People, are going to be watching for any infringement on our internet freedoms. Zora Reece Hays

JOHN HECIMOVICH  
January 5, 2010, 5:38 am  
9687 WELK CT  
MYRTLE BEACH, South Carolina 29572

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Stop your intrusion into our freedoms.

John Hecimovich

William Hecker  
January 5, 2010, 5:47 am  
12623 Timberglen Terrace  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80921

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Colorado

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This makes no sense and will hurt the US economy that is already in deep straights due to the present Administration's mistakes in dealing with the situation.

Bill Hecker

Carol Hehmeyer  
January 5, 2010, 5:51 am  
1966 Tice Valley Blvd., #507  
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Walnut Creek, California 94595

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I believe these proposed government controls would be, in the long run, a severe restriction on freedom of speech and inevitably, would lead to further destruction of the freedoms guaranteed to us in our Constitution.

David Heil  
January 5, 2010, 5:54 am  
160 Itasca Rd  
Rio Rancho, New Mexico 87124

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Nickolette Heimer  
January 5, 2010, 5:56 am  
106 Boulder Hill Pass  
Montgomery, Illinois 60538

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Thank you!

Jill Heins  
January 5, 2010, 6:05 am  
7833 Garnett  
Lenexa, Kansas 66214

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David Helffrich  
January 5, 2010, 6:07 am  
1628 Lone Hickory Rd  
Yadkinville, North Carolina 27055

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Sincerely,  
David Helffrich



Sherry Hellmuth  
January 5, 2010, 6:08 am  
8450 Country Lane  
DeKalb, Illinois 60115

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Stop the unnecessary government intrusion and intervention in peoples' lives.

Regards,

Sherry Hellmuth

maryanne helms  
January 5, 2010, 6:20 am  
220 Northbrooke Court  
Woodstock, Georgia 30188

I am an American woman. A wife. A mother. I am also a fighter. And as an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Pam Heminger  
January 5, 2010, 6:22 am  
9812 Pebble Weigh Ct.  
Burke, Virginia 22015

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Pam Heminger  
January 5, 2010, 6:24 am  
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Burke, Virginia 22015

I am against government regulation of the internet!

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Paul Hempfling Jr.  
January 5, 2010, 6:24 am  
P. O. Box 210  
Chriesman, Texas 77838

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~~~ And I do sincerely agree with the entire letter above.

Holley Henderson  
January 5, 2010, 6:26 am  
PO Box 7189  
Atlanta, Georgia 30357

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monty henderson  
January 5, 2010, 6:29 am  
6175 El Paso Road  
Caldwell, Idaho 83607

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Francis Hennessey  
January 5, 2010, 6:31 am  
6290 Brierly Creek Rd.  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45247

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Pat and Dan Hennessey  
January 5, 2010, 6:32 am  
300 Camp Hill Road  
Ft Washington, Pennsylvania 19034

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January 5, 2010, 6:33 am  
5828 N. Lindenwood Dr.,  
Peoria, Illinois 61615

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I should also point out that the FCC does not have the Constitutional authority to regulate the internet.

Keep the internet free, open and unregulated.

Thank you.

Donald Hennig, Ph.D.  
January 5, 2010, 6:38 am  
3011 Green River Rd.  
Henderson, Kentucky 42420

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Harold Heno III  
January 5, 2010, 6:40 am  
314 Mountain Road  
Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York 12520

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It is my opinion that any action which would limit or control internet usage an development is an illegal use of power by an unelected government bureaucracy. This action should be debated by the people's elected representatives, and ultimately by a full majority of the 50 states.

Don Henry  
January 5, 2010, 6:40 am  
2421 Chimney Hill Ct.  
Edmond, Oklahoma 73034

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Bill Hensley  
January 5, 2010, 6:42 am  
1810 Riverbend Crossing  
Sugar Land, Texas 77478

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The last thing we need is more government regulation.

William Herder  
January 5, 2010, 6:43 am  
16794 Logans Lake Road  
Boonville, Missouri 65233

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Cheryl Herring  
January 5, 2010, 6:44 am  
330 E. Glenhurst Dr.  
Oro Valley, Arizona 85704

I am taking a stand against more government take over of free communication in this country. The 'net-neutrality' is just another way for the government/liberals to take away more of our freedom of speech/communication rights.

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Ronald Herring  
January 5, 2010, 6:51 am  
9353 Brandon Lane  
Miles, Texas 76861

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Kathryn Herty  
January 5, 2010, 6:52 am  
6329 Miller Drive  
Alexandria, Virginia 22315

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Also, we see how government control of the internet and communications works in China- a Communist country. I do NOT want government interfering in my right to receive/transmit information via the internet, especially using MY TAX DOLLARS!!!! If you do not like freedom of speech or freedom in general, go to China. I am sure they would appreciate your efforts.

Dean Hess  
January 5, 2010, 6:53 am  
2848 Clearview Road  
Aliison Park, Pennsylvania 15101

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**JUST STAY OUT OF LIVES!**

Nola Hiatt  
January 5, 2010, 6:53 am  
3301 Jacobs Dr.  
McKinney, Texas 75070

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Judy Hile  
January 5, 2010, 6:54 am  
98-1970 Kaahumanu  
Pearl City, Hawaii 96782

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Gloria Hill  
January 5, 2010, 6:55 am  
1091 Woodall Dairy Road  
Benson, North Carolina 27504

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Suzanne Hill  
January 5, 2010, 7:00 am  
7333 Oakwood Glen  
Spring, Texas 77379

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Mark Hillen  
January 5, 2010, 7:00 am  
7536 - 5550 Road  
Olathe, Colorado 81425

I am totally opposed to internet regulation. This is ONLY another government attempt to tax the people and regulate our lives.

STOP this insane notion immediately.

Mark Hillen  
Olathe, CO

Lance M Hillier Sr  
January 5, 2010, 7:02 am  
1125 North Travis Street  
De Leon, Texas 76444

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Sincerely,  
Lance M Hillier Sr  
De Leon, TX

philip hilliker  
January 5, 2010, 7:05 am  
1429 w. rockwood dr.  
phoenix, Arizona 85027

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Tama Hinckley  
January 5, 2010, 7:06 am  
14546 Pine View Road  
Larkspur, Colorado 80118

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Petra Hinterschied  
January 5, 2010, 7:09 am  
921 s. hempstead road  
westerville, Ohio 43081

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I am sick and tired of the increasing government controls. Government has no business controlling the internet. I don't want to see the US becoming like China and other communist countries, where the Government interferes with freedom of speech and expression on the internet.

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George Hobbes  
January 5, 2010, 7:10 am  
104 Maestas Rd  
Belen, New Mexico 87002

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Cristine Hoche  
January 5, 2010, 7:11 am  
P.O. Box 23313  
Glade Park, Colorado 81523

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Stop trying to control every aspect of our lives.

Shelah Hockman  
January 5, 2010, 7:12 am  
705 Campbell Drive  
Owosso, Michigan 48867

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I think the internet is one of the most positive things to happen recently. People are communicating across boundaries not thought possible 10 years ago. The FCC has enough laws already to enforce. Let the people on the internet regulate themselves what they see.

Connie Hodgdon  
January 5, 2010, 7:13 am  
1141 Forest Drive  
Wooster, Ohio 44691

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January 5, 2010, 7:13 am  
2655 Appaloosa Trail  
Palm Harbor, Florida 34685

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William and Mary Hoffken  
January 5, 2010, 7:13 am  
31357 Nocks Landing Road  
Atlantic, Virginia 23303

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We are totally against net neutrality.

Fred Hofstra  
January 5, 2010, 7:17 am  
122 S. Rusch Rd  
Traverse City, Michigan 49686

Sir or madam:

Please do not restrict the freedom of the Internet with government agendas and meddling. It is important for the Internet to remain free, and managed by the companies that know it best, rather than by government, particularly with the latter's political agendas.

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DON HOLDEN  
January 5, 2010, 7:19 am  
726 CHANDLER ROAD  
GURNEE, Illinois 60031

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Pamela Holdren  
January 5, 2010, 7:20 am  
269 East Schantz Avenue  
Dayton, Ohio 45409

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Chaz Holland  
January 5, 2010, 7:21 am  
1522 Sadlers Wells Dr  
Herndon, Virginia 20170

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Freedom of speech is the issue. Government control places that fundamental right in jeopardy. I am therefore opposed to government control of the internet.

David Hollingsworth  
January 5, 2010, 7:22 am  
3306 Brookhill Circle  
Lexington, Kentucky 40502

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The internet is working just fine. We do not need to have the government involved. The free market is working well. If the government gets involved it will cost tax payers money and limit speech.

Bonnie Holloway  
January 5, 2010, 7:24 am  
1921 Chipeta Ct  
Grand Junction, Colorado 81501

I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

I am opposed to the government taking control of the internet. The restrictions would again hamper small businesses that utilize internet.

Edwin H. Holloway  
January 5, 2010, 7:25 am  
503 CORUM RD  
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Missouri 64024-3016

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Jerry Holm  
January 5, 2010, 7:26 am  
P.O. Box 1406  
Freeland, Washington 98249

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In short leave well enough alone. Do not open the door to government ownership with the attendant restrictions and oppressions sure to follow.

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The proposed new internet regulations are anti-freedom, anti-American, pro-control, and the spawn of those who wish to have a controlled society.

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Don't interfere with the freedom of the internet. Proposals for "net neutrality" or an "open internet" will damage the internet. Hands off please. Keep Washington and its regulations out of our internet. At the very least, this is a matter that should be handled in Congress, not imposed on us by an unrepresentative bureaucracy like the FCC. Thank you.

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"Last, in my opinion (William F Horan) the internet now serves even beyond the important roles of facilitating modern commerce and communications of all kinds both domestic and international. Yes, internet now a key tool & role in citizens defending and protection of our constitutional Republic with a representative democracy.

The agenda before us is rather simple; the internet must remain a tool and even weapon in the citizens Arsenal' in a defense of our Constitutional Republic. Or will the internet be allowed to continue morphing into a weapon for the arsenal of darkness & evil that is a clear and present danger committed to a rapid destruction of our constitutional republic as we know it?

Yes, the Liberty Pole of our founding fathers. The Liberty Pole where the body politic of the peoples government was discussed that ultimately realizes an informed electorate (one of the first defenses of our country and its Constitution and Bill of Rights).

Yes, today our internet is "The electronic Liberty Pole" for citizens of all walks of life across our great nation. Yes, like the liberty pole of every village, town, county, city of our country as it must once again configure for the 21 century challenges and renewal of our country.

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critical thinking). Such contributes to the core competency and capability of an informed electorate to their active participation in the business of our Constitutional republic.

Accordingly today the internet is a very necessary and critical tool for the individual and collective citizens to exercise due diligence in the protection and defense of their country and its constitution from any and all clear and present dangers.

The internet is a citizen's tool in the duty of performing due diligences in a monitoring and communications of their chosen and elected government officials. Yes, officials with defined - very specific and limited boundaries. Yes, boundaries having been set forth (role and responsibility) to govern a free and independent people (for and by the people)..

Those dangers could range from both domestic and international evil, incompetence, corruption or on occasion even the people's government gone rogue from the boundaries as specified in the US Constitution (will of the people).

As such subjecting the internet to a rogue government no longer subscribing to the constitution and the people's will (or a like private Cabol) will enable obstruction. Yes, obstruction in the form of a censorship or interference of any and all kinds and or restricting access, use or content. I maintain that such behaviors for any reason is a violation of freedom of speech & totally unacceptable. I would offer that such a confluence of events as just outlined would constitute a clear and present danger to our Constitutional Republic.

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The internet is today a critical tool in the arsenal of democracy. Yes, the citizen's first last and ultimate defense of our US Constitution, Bill of Rights & continued freedom liberty and sovereignty of a free and independent people.

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ALL OF YOU THERE IN DC SIMPLY CANNOT PULL THE RUG OUT FROM UNDER EVERY CITIZEN OF OUR NATION AND ROB US OF OUR FREEDOMS, A LA MAO TSE TUNG!

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Re: Preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No. 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52

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DAVID HOWARTH  
January 5, 2010, 7:42 am  
1213 WESTGLEN DR  
SACHSE, Texas 75048

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Please leave the public some form of communication, preferably the Internet free from unelected, unresponsive bureaucratic control!!!

Janet Howell  
January 5, 2010, 7:46 am  
5011 E Moores Creek Rd  
Bloomington, Indiana 47401

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Rex Howell  
January 5, 2010, 7:49 am  
3003 Forest Dr.  
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001

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I realize that this is form letter but, I agree with it completely

Rex Howell

Hope A Hoyt  
January 5, 2010, 7:49 am  
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Hickory, North Carolina 28601

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It is time for the government to stop invading and imposing on our lives. Time for the government to stay out of my life.

Shin Hsu  
January 5, 2010, 7:49 am  
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Laguna Niguel, California 92677

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C L Huddleston  
January 5, 2010, 7:50 am  
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Upper Arlington, Ohio 43221

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Mark Hudson  
January 5, 2010, 7:52 am  
1031 Jubilee apt A  
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Janet Hughes  
January 5, 2010, 7:53 am  
PO Box 397  
Brookings, Oregon 97415

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The internet as it is today is an international storefront of many countries voices and products. How can one nation take control and regulate it. It belongs and is part of all the people of the world. Therefore we [US} or any other nation can not

Catherine Huisman  
January 5, 2010, 7:53 am  
127 W 5th St.  
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Donald Hume  
January 5, 2010, 7:54 am  
18305 Lake Harbor Lane  
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Maggie Hunt  
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**STAY OUT OF OUR LIVES AND OFF THE NET!!!**

Terry Hunt  
January 5, 2010, 7:55 am  
5347 williamson st  
clarkston, Michigan 48346

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Craig Hunter  
January 5, 2010, 7:55 am  
534 Bristol Avenue  
Simi Valley, California 93065

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January 5, 2010, 7:57 am  
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St. Helena, California 94574-1304

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Thank you for your serious consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,

Gregory Lane Hunter

Charles Hursh  
January 5, 2010, 7:57 am  
1004 Donald Drive  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17111

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January 5, 2010, 7:58 am  
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Lee Hutchison  
January 5, 2010, 7:58 am  
2232 Arnold Drive  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28205

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Wendy Ihms  
January 5, 2010, 7:58 am  
820 E. Encinas Ae.  
Gilbert, Arizona 85234

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Please do not allow for the government to force new regulations on internet which may interfere with private investment, causing government take over and increased taxpayer expenses.

Thank you,  
Wendy

Al Ikenberg  
January 5, 2010, 7:59 am  
9 Oak Glade Ct  
Savannah, Georgia 31411

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Donald Imbimbo  
January 5, 2010, 8:02 am  
PO Box 9  
Mansfield, Pennsylvania 16933

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Sincerely,

Don Imbimbo  
Computer Specialist

Karl Imdorf  
January 5, 2010, 8:03 am  
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Schnecksville, Pennsylvania 18078

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January 5, 2010, 8:03 am  
1320 BISCAYNE RD  
ROANOKE, Virginia 24019

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Is there anyway to stop the government TAKEOVER of everything ?

Raymond Iorio  
January 5, 2010, 8:05 am  
2206 SE Stonehaven Rd.  
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34952

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Brian Irving  
January 5, 2010, 8:07 am  
206 Clancy Circle  
Cary, North Carolina 27511

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douglas ivari  
January 5, 2010, 8:09 am  
109 sweetgum drive  
troy, Missouri 63379

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GARY JACKSON  
January 5, 2010, 8:09 am  
17336 FOUNDERS MILL DRIVE  
DERWOOD, Maryland 20855

RE: GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52 regarding the "Internet"

As a private U.S. citizen and Americans for Prosperity activist, I submit the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Jack Jackson  
January 5, 2010, 8:09 am  
504 Liberty  
Batavia, Iowa 52533

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James Jackson  
January 5, 2010, 8:10 am  
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Holly Jacobs  
January 5, 2010, 8:12 am  
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New Camria, Missouri 63558

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mark jacobs  
January 5, 2010, 8:13 am  
2531 sunny ln  
wichita, Kansas 67205

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**LEAVE THE INTERNET ALONE!**

Douglas Jacobsma  
January 5, 2010, 8:13 am  
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January 5, 2010, 8:13 am  
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St. Louis, Missouri 63109-3315

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NO to any government monitoring of the internet. HANDS OFF my internet !

Barbara Jacques  
January 5, 2010, 8:15 am  
2745 Meadow Park Ave.  
Henderson, Nevada 89052

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Louis Jahn  
January 5, 2010, 8:19 am  
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Donn Jakosky  
January 5, 2010, 8:20 am  
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r. janes  
January 5, 2010, 8:21 am  
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waukesha, Wisconsin 53189

This bill seems like what they have in China, Cuba, Iran. and Venuezuela. Why would an American government want this kind of control too??? Odd, wouldn't you say.

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John H Jarvis  
January 5, 2010, 8:22 am  
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Phoenix, Arizona 85018

The first amendment to the U.S. Constitution states that Congress shall make no law that abridges the freedom of speech. I should think that the spirit of this prohibition would extend to the Executive branch of Government so that no the Executive branch would not act to control or abridge the freedom of speech expressed by and through the internet.

Adherence to and respect for the Constitution is absolutely essential for the survival and vitality of this great country. Any action by government that asserts selective control of the freedom of speech and/or of the press would be in violation of the Constitution and be a step toward tyranny.

I firmly oppose any governmental control of the the use of the internet by means of so-called "net neutrality" or whatever similar term or idea.

L. Dale Jefferson  
January 5, 2010, 8:24 am  
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Berlin, Maryland 21811

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I have read this submission and support its content and meaning.

John and Carol Jeffries  
January 5, 2010, 8:24 am  
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Such action will inevitably lead to dire consequences. As a student of history and trends, the American spirit will not tolerate further moves toward a totalitarian state. This is not Germany of the 1930s, post-Tzarist Russia, Pol Pot Cambodia (or a long list of consistently failed socialist “utopias.” A line has been drawn and already crossed over: NOT IN OUR COUNTRY, YOU DON'T!

Lloyd Jennings  
January 5, 2010, 8:25 am  
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Sanford, North Carolina 27332

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Mark Jensen  
January 5, 2010, 8:26 am  
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Modesto, Colorado 95354

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In summary, the system is not broken and does not need fixing by you or any other government agency.

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Clement Jessica  
January 5, 2010, 8:27 am  
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Wennie Johannes

Ann Johnson  
January 5, 2010, 8:30 am  
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January 5, 2010, 8:32 am  
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Eric Johnson  
January 5, 2010, 8:33 am  
1202 Cardinal St  
Bangor, Wisconsin 54614

As an American, I do not want the government taking over the internet and filtering what it approves and disapproves according to the left wing liberal socialist agenda. In the future I do not want to see America turn out how China uses its government to filter out Christian websites. This would completely abolish our American freedom of speech, religion, and separation of church and state.

Jessie Johnson  
January 5, 2010, 8:34 am  
1115 Edgewood ave S  
646  
Jacksonville, Florida 32205

As a 912 Organizer, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Kevin Johnson  
January 5, 2010, 8:36 am  
512 David Ct  
Platteville, Colorado 80651

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Can you show me your authority to do this in the Constitution?

Sarah Johnson  
January 5, 2010, 8:37 am  
2004 Red Forest rd  
Greensboro, North Carolina 27410

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The Internet is highly competitive and that leads to innovation. If a private company blocked or censored Internet traffic maliciously it would lose its customers. If government exercised control over the Internet, there would be no place to turn. This proposal will cause businesses that are currently thriving on the Internet uncertainty and create litigation risks. Such restrictions would lower the rate of return on investments in building network capacity, and cause more job losses. I have a friend who creates web ads that would not have a job because of the intrusion of government regulations that these investments would no longer make economic sense.

Transforming the Internet into a government-controlled public utility is a major policy change that should be debated in Congress, the legitimately elected legislative branch of government. The Constitution does not allow the Commission to require these intrusive regulatory changes.

I am especially concerned that the Commission is already contemplating Internet content restrictions, such as the suggestion under paragraph 77 of the NPRM that the Commission may ultimately be the arbiter of which competing interests should be prioritized.

In the absence of concrete evidence of discriminatory or anti-competitive behavior, I ask you to reject new regulations that could have the effect of slowing down the great engine of innovation, growth, and expression that the lightly regulated, competitive Internet has become.

Silvan Johnson  
January 5, 2010, 8:38 am  
691 Maple Avenue  
Fulton, New York 13069

As an Americans citizen, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Stephanie Johnson  
January 5, 2010, 8:38 am  
11702 Pleasant Ridge Ct.  
Apt. 116  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72223

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I thought we still lived in a free country. Or did this cease to exist when Obama was inaugurated and chose to turn this Republican into a Communist nation. Let me remind you that the Communist Soviet Union leadership also had plenty of czars.

William Johnson  
January 5, 2010, 8:40 am  
5809 Alberta Street  
Bakersfield, California 93304

As an American for free speech as guaranteed under the first amendment to the constitution of the United States of America, I am submitting the following comments regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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As mentioned in the first sentence of this comment, any attempt by congress or any bureaucracy to limit our free speech rights is unconstitutional in every respect and is not conducive to freedom of any sort, rather it smacks of communism and fascism in the vein of Lenin, Mao, Stalin, Hitler and Mussolini. Any further attempt to foist such a policy upon the American people will only serve to lessen or eliminate the already dangerously low trust the public has in this administration. Once the elections are held in November 2010, if this policy has been implemented, the President will be impeached shortly thereafter!!!!

David Johnston  
January 5, 2010, 8:41 am  
po box 40  
Bloomfield, Kentucky 40008

Government regulation in general breeds inefficiency. It adds an extra hurdle to business trying to inovate and thrive. The internet is one of the most vibrant and expressive business undertakings that have ever graced the planet. It facilitates the flow of ideas and cross references oportunities and technologies in ways that have accellerated the rate of advance of civilization and allowed people who never had an inkling of what the rest of the world was like a window to view that world and a wind of change for the better.

"Net nuetrality" will shutter that window by letting a third party decide what is "right" and "allowable" for the world to view. It will still the winds that fan the flame of inovation. Our nation and the planet are on the verge of some very momentus cliffs from global warming to over population. Is now a good time to shut down the free flow of information and stifle the minds that could find the answers to fix these problems??? I think that that would be disaterous.

I ask you to vote down the new "net neutrality" mandates and let the net continue to flourish.

David Johnston  
January 5, 2010, 8:41 am  
P. O. BOX 1457  
TULARE, California 93275

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Jan Johnston  
January 5, 2010, 8:42 am  
6 Wistful Vista Place  
The Woodlands, Texas 77382

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

You guys are just putting another mask on the face of your insidious desire to control the freedoms of American citizens. Are you so insecure that you need to hogtie the hands of great innovators and the American spirit of advancing technologies? It is so obvious to the American people that the same motivation in private industry that creates greedy leaders is the same motivation in our government. You are no better than Bernie Maddoff.

Get your stinky, bloody hands off our freedoms!

It is obviously a power grab on your part to tax the living daylights out of the people YOU should be serving. This is not service, its slavery.

NO! To your ideas, your desires, your control, your impotent and self-serving so-called leadership...get your hands off!

STOP! Molesting of our freedoms. Let private industry fail or succeed. Let capitalism do what it has successfully done for over 200 years. Grow! Innovate! Discover! Advance!

The government has never ever shown the ability to do what private industry and citizens have done in advancing technologies--even technologies that feed other nations!! The government only rides on the backs of private industry and takes the credit.

Under your restrictive meddling innovation will die. What are you going to do when the very technologies you feed off of die and you have nothing to control, nothing to tax? BACK OFF! You don't know how to run anything all you do is write laws to your advantage.

Patricia Johnston  
January 5, 2010, 8:42 am  
2144 Forrest Pl  
Atlanta, Georgia 30318

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Sincerely,  
Patricia Johnston

Joan Jolliffe  
January 5, 2010, 8:42 am  
3144 Seven Lakes West  
Seven Lakes, North Carolina 27376

I am opposed to the "Open Network" ruling currently being considered by the FCC. I do not believe the government should impose new regulations to restrict internet content.

Anne Marie Jones  
January 5, 2010, 8:43 am  
2221 Dillard Crossing  
Tucker, Georgia 30084

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Carie Jones  
January 5, 2010, 8:43 am  
2120 Montana Ave.  
Santa Monica, California 90403

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Christin Jones  
January 5, 2010, 8:44 am  
800 W. Sam Houston Pkwy.  
Houston, Texas 77042

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The use of the internet is key to my children doing school projects and their homework. It is also the way I purchase needed items for my home and family. I also keep in touch with my family via e-mail as they all live far away. We use the internet to print maps of destinations in and out of the area and find places and prices for food, clothes, home furnishings, toys and cars. The internet belongs in the hands of private American companies that know how to run businesses NOT the government...ever.

GLEN JONES  
January 5, 2010, 8:45 am  
4541 PRINCE CT NE  
SALEM, Oregon 97305

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thank you glen jones

Pam Jones  
January 5, 2010, 8:46 am  
2938 N. Canyon Rd.  
Provo, Utah 84604

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

Keep the government out of the internet!

paul jones  
January 5, 2010, 8:49 am  
d c drive  
abindon, Maryland 21099

NO FEDERAL MUZZLING OF THE INTERNET.

NET NEUTRALITY REPRESSES FREEDOM OF SPEECH.

IT IS CONSTITUTIONALLY ILLEGAL. GET OUT!!!!!!

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Sara Jones  
January 5, 2010, 8:50 am  
9939 S. Congress Street6  
New Market, Virginia 22844

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Mary Josey  
January 5, 2010, 8:51 am  
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I believe in America and America is based founded on the principals of regulatory restraint, free markets, and private ownership. There is no place for unnecessary government involvement.

Randi Kainz  
January 5, 2010, 8:55 am  
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Mrs. Porter Kallish  
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Porter S. Kallish 01 05 2010

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January 5, 2010, 9:00 am  
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Leave the internet alone. Restrictions will be viewed by me as a threat to first amendment rights of free speech and free press.

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As someone who accesses the Internet for reasons, professional and private, each and every day, I am interested in preserving the features that have made the Internet the excellent source of knowledge and communication that it has become since the days when it was a Department of Defense project out of UCLA. Therefore, I wish to urge the Federal Communications Commission to maintain the decentralized, free market-oriented, non-governmentally-regulated nature and character of the Internet and to prevent the so-called "open Internet" and "net neutrality" proponents from destroying a great American invention. GN Docket No. 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

At present, the Internet is a highly competitive realm that has already vastly augmented customer options to viewing television (like the Hulu website), listening to Internet radio, participating in electoral politics (fund-raising, expressing political perspectives, communicating with fellow travelers), conducting research for school and business, personal finance & paying bills, engaging in commerce through on-line purchasing (which I did to a considerable extent during the recently concluded Christmas season). Traditional "phone" and traditional "cable" companies have been locked in an intense struggle to win customers, and wireless is rapidly becoming another viable alternative to wired broadband connections. If a private company blocked or censored Internet traffic maliciously it would lose its customers. If government exercised control over the Internet, there would be no place to turn.

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Richard Karas  
January 5, 2010, 9:02 am  
4371 Irene Drive  
Saint Clair, Michigan 48079

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Melvin Karsten  
January 5, 2010, 9:04 am  
7117 Lake Vista Drive  
Apt 3A  
Byron Center, Michigan 49315

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I'm suggesting that all of you in Washington that want to have everything controlled by the government, go live in North Korea or China for a couple years before you decide this is a good form of government. You aren't thinking about the American people, just about yourselves and POWER.  
**KNOCK IT OFF!!!**

Steve Kartchner  
January 5, 2010, 9:10 am  
14853 S. Briar Park Road  
Herriman, Utah 84096

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The only regulation I support is control of the pornography industry, particularly child porn, and criminal activity. Otherwise, the internet should remain free.

Barbara Kasmiroski  
January 5, 2010, 9:10 am  
143 Meadowbrook Dr  
Waco, Texas 76706

Keep the internet FREE FROM WASHINGTON D.C!!!!!!

Heidi Kassal  
January 5, 2010, 9:11 am  
22475 E. Hidden Trail Drive  
Parker, Colorado 80138

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Martin Katerberg  
January 5, 2010, 9:14 am  
8340 Wallinwood Springs  
Jenison, Michigan 49428

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First, let's get one thing clear: Our President said (while recently in China) he is for an open and free of censorship internet....his lips say one thing and his actions do the opposite!!

Second, why don't you start giving these Bills a name that fits what they really are: there's is nothing "open" or "neutral" about this bill.

Frankly, I can not believe we are in ANOTHER position to defend ANOTHER government take-over. What part of OUR Consitution states that government must think for us and control all of our actions? I simply can't find this anywhere in OUR Constitution. If our current members of congress truly want this, then move to socialistic country....there's a few to choose from.

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frank keen  
January 5, 2010, 9:15 am  
581 21st  
avalon, New Jersey 8202

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keep your dirty rotten socialist hands off our internet, you haVE TAKEN OVER EVERYTHING else!!!!!!

Edith Keenan  
January 5, 2010, 9:16 am  
3304 125th Ave NE  
Lake Stevens, Washington 98258

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Please leave the internet alone and don't mess things up for the public!

Janet Keller  
January 5, 2010, 9:16 am  
1201 Buttercup Lane  
Wake Forest, North Carolina 27587

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

I am opposed to government control of the internet. The government has too much control over so many other areas. Leave the internet alone!

Donna Kelley  
January 5, 2010, 9:16 am  
232 McDermott Road  
Trafford, Pennsylvania 15085

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Whatever happened to government "by the people" .....not government by the government!!!

Thank you for reviewing my stand on this issue.

Donna J. Kelley 01/06/2010

Beatrice Kelly  
January 5, 2010, 9:17 am  
36 Califon Drive  
Colonia, New Jersey 7067

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Michael Kelly  
January 5, 2010, 9:18 am  
27 Periwinkle Dr  
Mt. Laurel, New Jersey 8054

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Susan Kelly  
January 5, 2010, 9:19 am  
45698 Bunker Hill Dr  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48331

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The government does not need to have control over everything. The people are doing just fine thank you.

William Kelly  
January 5, 2010, 9:19 am  
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Are you guys nuts? Keep your hands off our privacy and go away. All you want to do is gain power - power, and more power.

Bruce Kemp  
January 5, 2010, 9:21 am  
2420 Rock Creek Dr  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80528

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Please stop this Government takeover of the internet now.

Sincerely,

Bruce D.Kemp

Donald Kemp  
January 5, 2010, 9:21 am  
221 Green Kemp Rd  
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462-3435

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Jack Kemp  
January 5, 2010, 9:22 am  
110-15 71 Road  
Forest Hills, New York 11375

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What the current administration is trying to do would be an abomination, a power grab and would cause both problems and a backlash such as the government would not imagine. An attempt at “net neutrality” would be an utter failure that would just anger the citizenry.

Douglas Kennedy  
January 5, 2010, 9:22 am  
3172 Highland Village Drive  
Apt. 12  
Duluth, Minnesota 55811

As a citizen of the United States in support of the actions of Americans for Prosperity, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

Stay away from the Internet. This is not China.

Jeff Kennedy  
January 5, 2010, 9:23 am  
1031 Evangeline Rd E  
Quincy, Illinois 62301

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Sincerely,  
Jeff Kennedy

Stephen Kennedy  
January 5, 2010, 9:26 am  
1503 S. Cliff Drive  
Gallup, New Mexico 87301-5903

As an American with a longstanding belief that government is for the people (rather than the people being for government), I am submitting the following comment regarding preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The Internet is highly competitive. As a former legislator who was responsible for issues involving business and commerce, I find it highly irregular that a non-elected, appointed commission is trying to usurp the legislative authority of Congress is regulation of interstate and international commerce.

The Internet is also the means of communications for many people of all political persuasions. It is an essential means of communication for many people who live in rural areas that have limited telephone and television service (e.g., the Navajo Nation). Traditional telephone and traditional cable TV companies have been locked in an intense struggle to win customers. Wireless communications is rapidly becoming another viable alternative to wired broadband connections.

The crux of the issue is that if a private company blocked or censored Internet traffic maliciously it would lose its customers. If government exercised control over the Internet, there would be no place to turn.

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John Kenny  
January 5, 2010, 9:27 am  
200 Hilltop Rd.  
Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania 19462

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Stop this Fascism !

Emily Kent  
January 5, 2010, 9:27 am  
4168 Seven Lakes West  
Seven Lakes, North Carolina 27376

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

This Country was founded on individual freedom!!! Why does the current administration think it has the right to take individual rights away? I know who has the power, but if you all keep grabbing those rights, you may find the American people are fed up with your power grab. You work for us!!! We pay your generous salaries!!!!!!

Nelson R Kerr, Jr  
January 5, 2010, 9:28 am  
704 Richmond Road  
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185

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I fear that the Commission is now contemplating Internet content restrictions inhibiting my own and others First Amendment rights to free expression and access to the means of publishing our thoughts without fear of governmental censorship, such as suggested by paragraph 77 of the NPRM. It is not the proper function of the Commission to control which competing interests should be prioritized by governmental fiat.

The anti-free speech advocates of “net neutrality” have been ringing alarm bells now for so many years (starting with the November 19, 2002 letter to the Commission from the so-called “Coalition of Broadband Users and Innovators”) that their footless claims should be rejected as left-wing political polemical. There is no evidence of discriminatory or anti-competitive behavior. Without the ipse dixit claims of the proponents, there is no rational basis for imposing new regulations that will necessarily have the effect of slowing down the great engine of innovation, growth, and expression that the lightly regulated, competitive Internet has become.

As Moses said "Let my people go!"

michael kershner  
January 5, 2010, 9:29 am  
506 purslane point  
venice, Florida 34293

Keep the Government out of the Internet, PERIOD! It seems to be doing just fine as it is.

Brian Kessler  
January 5, 2010, 9:29 am  
18 Lupton Lane  
New Bern, North Carolina 28560

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The government or the OBAMA clowns need to stay out of the free enterprise system and let it regulate itself.

Jerris & Jim Kidd  
January 5, 2010, 9:31 am  
2181 Kidd Lane  
Little River, South Carolina 29566

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**STOP SUFFOCATING OUR FREEDOMS !!!**

Hugh Kiernan  
January 5, 2010, 9:32 am  
193 Raymond Place  
Staten Island, New York 10310

As an American and a user of the Internet, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The proposed "Open internet" rules if implemented will limit the existing highly evolved competitive nature of this incredible resource while at the same time it will impose unnecessary and unwarranted government interference on its use by citizens and businesses alike.

The "public utility" model would inevitably bring government control and politicization along with government ownership. Such a transformation of the Internet into a government-controlled public utility is a major policy change that should be debated in Congress. The FCC should not on its own set into motion regulatory changes that will force us down this path.

Mike Killebrew  
January 5, 2010, 9:32 am  
5102 Beverly Hills Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78731

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David Kimsey  
January 5, 2010, 9:34 am  
2920 Chesterfield Way SE  
Conyers, Georgia 30013

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Evelyn King  
January 5, 2010, 9:35 am  
6321 14th Street Sw  
Loveland, Colorado 80537

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

First, I oppose the Open Internet Rule.

Second, I support a privately owned and controlled network, which is competitive and truly open to all new invention.

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Jean King  
January 5, 2010, 9:35 am  
4929 Wildcat Mountain Road  
Paris, Arkansas 72855

What do you people in DC think you are doing? You cannot take over everything.

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Karen King  
January 5, 2010, 9:39 am  
1941 E. Ranolph  
Enid, Oklahoma 73701

Concerning the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The freedoms the current internet situation affords both in this country and internationally are too valuable for anyone to consider a so-called "Open Internet" plan.

As I see it, "Open Internet" is a means of initializing controls that would so limit investment returns that it would cause a reduction of financial and inventive investments which would cripple both internet freedoms and developmental progress.

This crippling scenario would also provide the means for yet another government take over disguised as a government "rescue" funded by more taxpayer money.

Such a transformation of the Internet into a government-controlled public utility is an open door for politicizing, power grabbing and criminal favoritism.

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Bari Kinne  
January 5, 2010, 9:40 am  
648 W. Briarcliff Rd.  
Bolingbrook, Illinois 60440

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More and more, this administration is beginning to sound like a combination of the novels entitled '1984' and 'Animal Farm', both by George Orwell. Freedom of the Internet equates to freedom of speech and freedom of the press, both of which are protected by the Constitution of the United States.

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Lorrie Kinser  
January 5, 2010, 9:41 am  
48031 200th Ave  
Chariton, Iowa 50049

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Jerry Kirby  
January 5, 2010, 9:42 am  
1604 Flying Jib Drive  
Azle, Texas 76020

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Jerry D. Kirby  
Janice E. Kirby

Michael Kirkpatrick  
January 5, 2010, 9:43 am  
364 cr 1535  
Jacksonville, Texas 75766

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Leave it alone.

Marilyn Kitt  
January 5, 2010, 9:46 am  
P.O. Box 7  
Garden Valley, California 95633

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING: As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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THERE IS TOO MUCH GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT. TRUST ME, I'M ON TO CONGRESS, AND SO ARE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. LAY OFF THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Kitt, Attorney at Law, RN, MPH, JD

Peter Klein  
January 5, 2010, 9:47 am  
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Shorewood, Wisconsin 53211

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Robert Kloc  
January 5, 2010, 9:48 am  
6802 S Seven Mi Rd  
Freeland, Michigan 48623

Please do not support this "Open Internet" or "net neutrality bill. It is an infringement on our free speech.

Nick Klonitsko  
January 5, 2010, 9:49 am  
4906 grid St.  
Bowie, Maryland 20720

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Furthermore, I am against additional government regulation; especially a utility. We need to let the internet grow and discover new innovations. Regulations such as the the financial segment beat to death with mortgages; only encourage workarounds. Please, no more regulations..

Michael Klopka  
January 5, 2010, 9:49 am  
2110 Diamond Mountain Road  
Calistoga, California 94515

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This is just another attempt of our government to control the lives of its citizens without concern or interest if what we really want or how we really feel about these serious issues. I urge deep, open discussion on these far-reaching issues and listen to this country's citizens!

Jarvis Knapp  
January 5, 2010, 9:50 am  
55 Primrose rd  
Hardwick, New Jersey 7825

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Federal Government growth is out of control, stop unwanted and unnecessary regulation of our lives.

JoAnn Kneynsberg  
January 5, 2010, 9:52 am  
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Bessemer, Alabama 35022

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Wayne Kochenderfer  
January 5, 2010, 9:52 am  
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Wimberley, Texas 78676

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We already have too much government intervention being foisted upon us...and it is not working. We don't need more.

Arden Koelling  
January 5, 2010, 9:52 am  
1708 R St.  
Ord, Nebraska 68862

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Ryan Kohler  
January 5, 2010, 9:55 am  
116 Southwood Trace  
Collinsville, Illinois 62234

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Remember the People have rights; the government has privileges.

William Kokes  
January 5, 2010, 9:55 am  
505 Cypress Station Drive  
Houston, Texas 77090

IF IT AIN'T BROKE - DON'T FIX IT! ITS FINE AS IS!

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Regina Kolbow  
January 5, 2010, 9:56 am  
2515 Williams  
Stoughton, Wisconsin 53589

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Stephen Kole  
January 5, 2010, 9:56 am  
20 Buckley Street  
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James Kolka  
January 5, 2010, 9:58 am  
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Frankly, the government is too incompetent to manage the internet or anything else.

Michael Konkel  
January 5, 2010, 10:04 am  
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So bottom line here is, Mark Lloyd, you simply need to clock out and go home...your services are no longer required by the American people....we do not need socialists in government.

David Korb  
January 5, 2010, 10:05 am  
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I strongly oppose any government laws or regulations on the internet, whether infrastructure or content (i.e. data).

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January 5, 2010, 10:05 am  
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To make it clear. Mr. McChesney, nor Susan Crawford are not the caliber nor do they have the ethics to represent me in this matter or any other matter. Let the government involvement already authorized, often in violation of the Constitution of the United States of America, be proven effective and workable before jumping to new areas. Those unhappy with doing this, always have the option of leaving and setting up camp elsewhere in the world.

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Please heed what the American public wants...hands off...there is not one successful bureau the government directs...post office, Social Security, Fannie Mae and the list goes on.

Georgette M Koselke

Elizabeth Kouri  
January 5, 2010, 10:10 am  
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Ken Kreitz  
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Sincerely,

Ken Kreitz

Hannah Krening  
January 5, 2010, 10:12 am  
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Joyce Krey  
January 5, 2010, 10:13 am  
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We DO NOT more government control. This IS a FREE COUNTRY and we want to keep it that way.!!!

Barbara Kronewitter  
January 5, 2010, 10:13 am  
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I believe the internet works wonderfully as it now operates. We do NOT need to have the government regulate anything about it. We citizens have been allowed to think for ourselves thus far and determine how we wish to use it. Please do not take away one of our few remaining freedoms.

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The Internet is Freedom of Speech. Block it any way & it's the end of America.

Now, if you want to help, go for the crimes they perform OVER the internet.  
Such as Child Pornography. Anyone doing this over the internet is a criminal... arrest them. Shut down THAT site. Are they doing Terrorist activity over the internet? Terrorism is a crime. Shut down THAT site.  
But do not throw the baby out with the bathwater!!!  
Freedom of Speech is not a crime!

Transforming the Internet into a government-controlled public utility is not a path I want to see America going!

Lance Paul Krzywicki  
January 5, 2010, 10:14 am  
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Mark Kubena  
January 5, 2010, 10:14 am  
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Washington, New Jersey 7882

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Social Security-another joke, Medicare-another joke. The only thing our government is good at is our Military, God Bless them!

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Cynthia Kuchenbecker  
January 5, 2010, 10:15 am  
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I am totally against the government takeover of the internet. It will only result in something that doesn't work very well and will cost the taxpayers more money. The Internet is a communication facilitator. Whatever is posted is up to the person who posted. It is a great example of free speech.

The Government wants to control what is broadcasted over the Internet. We can no longer trust the news media to give us all the information and that it is not slanted to meet some political viewpoint. It is our only option to get good information.

carl Kuehne  
January 5, 2010, 10:16 am  
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Garth Kuhnhein  
January 5, 2010, 10:16 am  
3084 Prestwicke Dr.  
Edgewood, Kentucky 41017

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Jocelyn Kunkle  
January 5, 2010, 10:17 am  
13 Audrey Dr.  
Carson City, Nevada 89706

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Jo Kuppe  
January 5, 2010, 10:18 am  
P.O. Box 5252  
Columbus, Georgia 31906

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Renee Kurecki  
January 5, 2010, 10:18 am  
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Venice, Florida 34292

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Jeffrey Kurr  
January 5, 2010, 10:19 am  
P. O. Box 288  
Oxford, Mississippi 38655

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Harry Kusnic  
January 5, 2010, 10:20 am  
119 Matisse Circle  
Aliso Viejo, California 92656

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Leave our freedoms alone in this Country, especially the internet.

Frank Kwapnioski  
January 5, 2010, 10:21 am  
1120 Miles Ct  
North Platte, Nebraska 69101

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Melanie Ladines  
January 5, 2010, 10:26 am  
605 Casa Park Court G  
Winter Springs, Florida 32708

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Back off with your socialistic endeavors! Our Constitution was not created to have such an over-reaching government.

MJ Lakin  
January 5, 2010, 10:28 am  
1610 Edmondson Rd ne  
Hanceville, Alabama 35077

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Dun Lana  
January 5, 2010, 10:30 am  
3445 Heritage Pkwy.  
Sherman, Texas 75092

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Sincerely,  
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William Lancaster  
January 5, 2010, 10:30 am  
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Rebecca Landau  
January 5, 2010, 10:32 am  
400 Hwy 70 East  
Hillsborough, North Carolina 27278

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Kenneth & Teresa Landon  
January 5, 2010, 10:34 am  
11414 Huntsman Drive  
Manassas, Virginia 20112

First, we would like to say that we are applauded that once again our rights are eroding away. We do use the internet daily and we are on a fixed income so therefore we will not be able to pay high cost to pay for the internet, we feel we will have no place to go when or if the government takes over the technology. Availability means a lot to us!

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Kirk Laney  
January 5, 2010, 10:35 am  
4301 high Mesa Dr.  
Plano, Texas 75093

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, it has come to my attention that the government is once again trying to over-regulate a critical piece of our free market system. The failure to even attempt this when there is no successful track record as a reference point is rather assinine. Additionally, the rightfully paranoid see another power grab of a key piece of our freedom of speech infrastructure that is unacceptable. Futhermore, potentially stifling communication stifles our ability to innovate and maintain competitiveness in global high tech markets.

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Cheryl Langdon  
January 5, 2010, 10:36 am  
370 Jefferson Ave.  
Fairport, New York 14450

I believe in freedom. The Internet, as it stands now, is the most free place for expression.

Government meddling (China) with the Internet, its content, its availability, its format, its business model, or any other aspect of it, can only cause it to be at the mercy of various political whims.

It isn't broken. Please leave it alone.

Nancy Lange  
January 5, 2010, 10:38 am  
5170 W. Indian Camp Rd.  
Prescott, Arizona 86305

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J Buford Langston  
January 5, 2010, 10:40 am  
555 Affleck Road  
Brenham, Texas 77833

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James Langston  
January 5, 2010, 10:41 am  
po box 12  
Idleld Park, Oregon 97447

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Ed Larson  
January 5, 2010, 10:41 am  
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Milan, Kansas 67105

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I will vote against anyone that is for this. Ed Larson

Georgette Lasorso  
January 5, 2010, 10:42 am  
129 Water St.  
Hillsville, Virginia 24343

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January 5, 2010, 10:42 am  
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Houston, Texas 77008

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We have seen what government controls of the Internet does for the people--we do not want the US Government to act in the same fashion as the Governments of Iran and China act.

May Lattanzio  
January 5, 2010, 10:45 am  
POB 1351  
youngstown, Florida 324661351

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I would like to remind you that I do not live in a totalitarian state, or country. I believe in the free exchange of information, creative thought and expression and bringing people across the world closer in understanding through a free internet.

Sharon Laughlin  
January 5, 2010, 10:45 am  
PO Box 249  
Lindstrom, Minnesota 55045

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Leave the Internet as a private entity - it is the only way to assure that it is, in fact, free.

Jean Lauver  
January 5, 2010, 10:46 am  
1061 Stonehenge Drive  
Hanahan, South Carolina 29410

No - leave our internet alone. The government can't even protect us from terrorist attacks - let them focus on the important things and keep their noses out of the others. Check with the American people and start listening to us.

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Stack Lavin  
January 5, 2010, 10:47 am  
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Spokane, West Virginia 99208

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Respectfully submitted,

Jordan Law  
January 5, 2010, 10:49 am  
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Tyler, Texas 75703

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Things such as "open internet" are the seemingly small, yet very large and forceful ways our excuse for a real Government is taking control, and in turn taking away our rights, and the protection of those rights and insuring that our country will fall, and our constitution be no more.

NO TO OPEN INTERNET!!!

Ruth Lawler  
January 5, 2010, 10:50 am  
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Kasilof, Alaska 99610

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scott lawler  
January 5, 2010, 10:51 am  
4891 wheatstone  
fairfax, Virginia 22032

I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

I am adamantly OPPOSED to government regulation of the Internet. Private business invests in delivering products and services and that competition delivers outstanding service to customers across the US.

Additional government bureaucracy will drive up costs, increase taxes, and add complexity to the business environment all of which increases costs to consumers and reduces access.

DO NOT attempt to increase regulation on the Internet. The government has NO RESPONSIBILITY and NO AUTHORITY in the Constitution to regulate private business like this.

UNACCEPTABLE!!!

Scott Lawler  
Fairfax, VA

Sanley Lawrence  
January 5, 2010, 10:53 am  
1098 S. State Road 115  
Wabash, Indiana 46992

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Mark Lawson  
January 5, 2010, 10:54 am  
1253 N. Wilson Lake Rd.  
Columbia City, Indiana 46725

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Russell Lawson  
January 5, 2010, 10:57 am  
14232 Marsh Lane  
#325  
Addison, Texas 75001

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Glenn Leaman  
January 5, 2010, 10:59 am  
132 Stone Quarry Rd  
Leola, Pennsylvania 17540

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We've had enough of this STUPIDITY - STOP NOW!!!!

Mark LeBar  
January 5, 2010, 11:00 am  
177 Longview Heights Rd.  
Athens, Ohio 45701

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Richard Lechleitner  
January 5, 2010, 11:03 am  
208 Greenwood Drive  
New Cumberland, Pennsylvania 17070

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Nancy Lee  
January 5, 2010, 11:03 am  
8711 Meadow Lane  
Leawood, Kansas 66206

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Ramon Lee  
January 5, 2010, 11:05 am  
11557 Auldbury Way  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27617

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**BACK OFF THE BIG BROTHER REGULATION!**

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Robert Lee  
January 5, 2010, 11:06 am  
1485 Canoe Creek Drive  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80906

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Robert Lee  
January 5, 2010, 11:08 am  
2602 N Park Ave  
Tifton, Georgia 31794

As a concerned citizen, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Ronald Lee  
January 5, 2010, 11:09 am  
1937 King St  
Denver, Colorado 80204

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Susan Lee  
January 5, 2010, 11:09 am  
P.O. Box 11133  
Danville, Virginia 24543

In addition to the comments below, this sums up my thoughts on this subject:

S-T-A-Y O-U-T O-F O-U-R L-I-V-E-S  
and L-E-A-V-E U-S A-L-O-N-E

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Susan Leeper  
January 5, 2010, 11:12 am  
12309 N. 90th Way  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85260

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Please ensure that the Government keeps its hands off the Internet. This is merely another way for Obama and his cronies to command and control.

Nina Leifeste  
January 5, 2010, 11:12 am  
62 Squankum Rd  
Colts Neck, New Jersey 7722

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On top of all the above, control of the internet would be a violation of freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and my personal freedom to view what I choose on the internet. My work also involves use of the internet and I am not self-employed. I am against this due to my right to work at my job and in defense of the company that employs me to accomplish their goals.

I am tired of the government interfering in all aspects of my life. You do not know what is best for me. Only I know what is best for me.

The U.S. government had better step back take a breath and consider that we are your bosses, not the other way around, so stop telling us what we can smoke, eat, drink, or read or watch or view in books, on TV and in movies, as well as on the internet.

Butt out why don't you! You are making an increasing amount of your constituents extremely angry and they may eventually hand you your come-uppance. I know I am ready to do so and have been for some time.

Honor Leitzen  
January 5, 2010, 11:15 am  
4852 W Braddock Rd Apt 2  
Alexandria, Virginia 22311

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

I work in this industry, and have been a supervisor or manager at several telecoms and internet service providers, including Qwest, Verizon, Cogent Communications, NTT America, and Transaction Network Services. As it exists today, the industry is not 'broken', nor does it need fixing, nor regulation as proposed. The government should only step in to stop illegal activity, as it does now with the full cooperation of the providers, on problems such as scams and child pornography.

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Continued free competition is the best way to ensure fair representation on the internet, just as is the case with other media outlets. Every time the government steps in, regulations become burdensome, cumbersome, and both the provider and the customer is harmed, not helped.

Thank you for your consideration.

brad leker  
January 5, 2010, 11:16 am  
2453 east elmwood place  
chandler, Arizona 85249

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I do not want the government to control the internet in any way. I want to be able to search the web, communicate with organizations, research info etc without any changes or regulation.

Please do not let the government congress, president obama or anyone else change it.

Richard W Lemke  
January 5, 2010, 11:19 am  
5094 Norwood Drive  
Bettendorf, Iowa 52722

As an American for the First Amendment, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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bill lemos  
January 5, 2010, 11:20 am  
395 south hampton club way  
st augustine, Florida 32092

dearest bigger and more government intervention lovers,

the giant is now fully awake and getting more and more riled up by the minute.

i am certain none of you could have forecast the keen interest we are all taking in your backroom dirty dealings - all the while stabbing dedicated hard working Americans in the back.

you all have made a crucial mistake thinking you could ramrod all this detrimental nonsense down our throats while we sit complacently by, content with staying on the sidelines.

we are coming to the fray, and we know exactly what to do to rid our great nation of the fools who believe they can dupe all Americans, all the while grabbing as much power and money as possible.

william lemos  
January 5, 2010, 11:21 am  
395 south hampton club way  
st augustine, Florida 32092

You folks are getting a little too big for your own britches. you are setting this country up for ugly times ahead. your constituents are watching and noticing your blatant power grabs and egregious spending sprees. good luck holding on to your precious power. true blooded americans are figuring out what is going on and rising up.

Robert Leonard  
January 5, 2010, 11:22 am  
1065 Spruce Street  
Winnetka, Illinois 60093

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Barry Lerner  
January 5, 2010, 11:26 am  
59 franklin  
rye, New York 10580

As a concerned American, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No. 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Michael Leslie  
January 5, 2010, 11:27 am  
12816 Chancel Court  
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46845

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Regulation should be an option of last resort to resolve a far reaching problem. The problem that this regulation is purporting to solve does not currently exist. The regulation is therefore unnecessary and inappropriate at this time.

vickie lessi  
January 5, 2010, 11:29 am  
p o box 2749  
turlock, California 95381

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, and an American citizen concerned with freedom and against the government control and take over of the internet, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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I am not in favor of government interfering or taking over private industry or limiting our freedom of speech via the internet or any other venue. Such a transformation of the Internet into a government-controlled public utility is a major policy change that should be debated in Congress, the legitimately elected legislative branch of government. And I don't trust those in government at this time to make good decisions for America. The Commission should not on its own set into motion regulatory changes that will force us down this path. This, to me, is a path to the long-desired censorship on the part of those radicals (elected and unelected) in our government, and is a tactic of communists, Marxists, socialists, fascists, tyrants and dictators.

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Kathy Leugers  
January 5, 2010, 11:31 am  
7576 Trailwind Dr  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45242

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Cynthia Lightcap  
January 5, 2010, 11:31 am  
238 Talking Rock Creek Drive  
Chatsworth, Georgia 30705

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Butt out.

Cynthia Lightcap

Meta Lind  
January 5, 2010, 11:34 am  
433 SANDRA PLACE  
EAGLE, Idaho 83616

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Terrence Linderman  
January 5, 2010, 11:37 am  
249 Lorraine Circle  
Bloomington, Illinois 60108

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Aaron Lindsey  
January 5, 2010, 11:39 am  
1465 Sharon Hills CT  
Kannapolis, North Carolina 28083

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Thank you for your consideration and allowing me to voice my concerns! =)

Sumer Linger  
January 5, 2010, 11:39 am  
11836 Hawthorn Woods Court  
Loveland, Ohio 45140

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William Links  
January 5, 2010, 11:39 am  
611 South Main St. #6  
Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin 54935

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This is just another attempt by the government and the fcc to have control over all our free speech including the internet. or as liberals say any natural american who speaks up and uses their free speech right is domestic terrorists. like hell we are for standing up for our legal constitutional GOD given rights. and written by our founding fathers.

william

Charles Linthicum  
January 5, 2010, 11:42 am  
8409 Twin Lakes Blvd  
Tampa, Florida 33614

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I do NOT trust CONgress, gubmint agencies or bureaucrats like you. Everything the federal gubmint has touched has turned to \$#!+. Just look at the last two years. The blame must be placed entirely with the federal government, the (not really) Federal (with no) Reserve and their crony banking/corporate interests. Unlike the internet service providers, we cannot fire you or would do so in a heartbeat.

The internet was created and has been working just fine without your "help" (i.e., control). Get your own house in order and leave me and the internet alone!

"In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men the great difficulty lies in this: You must first enable the government to control the governed, and in the next place, oblige it to control itself." (Alexander Hamilton)

Paul Linthorst  
January 5, 2010, 11:43 am  
19 Huntwood Place  
Mount Vernon, New York 10552-1215

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Please recognize that the meteoric growth of the internet was effected by private investment and ingenuity. Discouraging private investment through confiscatory rulemaking would be a way to bring an end to one of America's most important competitive advantages.

We cannot afford to pile one more load on the free enterprise back without great risk of breaking it.

Ultimately a net-neutrality regulation would be an abrogation of the private property rights of those who have invested in internet infrastructure and one more nail into the coffin for free enterprise and free speech.

Bill Lioio  
January 5, 2010, 11:43 am  
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January 5, 2010, 11:46 am  
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Middleton, Massachusetts 1949

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These heavy-handed proposals to steal the internet from private citizens sound quite familiar... Isn't that one of our complaints about the Chinese Communists--Government Censorship of the Internet? Regulation at this level of detail is indistinguishable from control, which leads to nationalization (THINK POST OFFICE!! HORRORS!), which leads to politicized control, which leads to censorship, all of which is a temptation our government has already proven itself incapable of avoiding--just like the Chinese. Nip this disaster at the outset!!!

Jim Liston  
January 5, 2010, 11:47 am  
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January 5, 2010, 11:51 am  
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Mildred Little  
January 5, 2010, 11:57 am  
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By remaining non-political, and non-controlled by Government, the Internet serves as a marvelous instrument for research and growth in knowledge for youth and adults when doing schoolwork, or for self-development. We used to have a free press in this country, but alas, that no longer is the case. We have to read news from other countries to learn what is happening in THIS country, and news we should know for our own good. Why has not the FCC investigated this very undemocratic control over our news media? It makes our "news" not "fit" to read, because when it only "parrots" what it is told to say, it becomes propaganda and managed "News". It can no longer be counted as reliable for reporting the news unbiasedly.

Since the Administration has sent us back to the dark ages by restricting our "free press" in newspapers, radio and television, it would be gross negligence on the part of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and smell of "dictatorship" influence, should any limitations be placed on the free world-wide Internet.

Donald Littlefield  
January 5, 2010, 11:59 am  
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This is my opinion not AFP's: This is just another attempt to take away our First Amendment Rights, to shut up any opposition to the current administration's policies. THIS IS WRONG AND NOT WHAT THIS COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED ON.

Janice Loebbaka  
January 5, 2010, 11:59 am  
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Hilliard, Ohio 43026

The comments below the first paragraph is "canned" (and I agree with it) but this first paragraph is from me.

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Protect our freedoms now! We do NOT want to become a socialist country and will fight to stop it and to preserve our Constitution!!!!

Gay Long  
January 5, 2010, 12:01 pm  
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Patrick Henry said ". . . give me liberty or give me death!" We are entering an era where this, again, is an issue! The government does NOT have to "protect" me from all evil. I have power to do that - the power of "we the people!"

Gloria Longfellow  
January 5, 2010, 12:04 pm  
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Deborah Loomis  
January 5, 2010, 12:06 pm  
PO Box 6040  
Santa Barbara, California 93160

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Carlos R. & Lois A. Louthan  
January 5, 2010, 12:07 pm  
2734 Mulberry Gap Rd.  
Sneedville, Tennessee 37869

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Ed Love  
January 5, 2010, 12:12 pm  
19443 Mill Oak  
San Antonio, Texas 78258

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Arlene Luebbe  
January 5, 2010, 12:15 pm  
26 Rose Terrace  
Crestview Hills, Kentucky 41017

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Carolyn Luke  
January 5, 2010, 12:16 pm  
76748 Samarkand Drive  
Twentynine Palms, California 92277

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Jane Lund  
January 5, 2010, 12:16 pm  
1385 Smith Way  
Bellingham, Washington 98226

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Barbara Lunger  
January 5, 2010, 12:17 pm  
15300 NW 180th Avenue  
Alachua, Florida 32615

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Aside from the above, regulating the internet in the way that is likely planned by the administration will result in the further loss of freedom of speech and the freedom to exchange ideas and information that is vital to the "workings" of a healthy, moral, intelligent, productive society. The citizens of our country will be ill served by a government that restricts internet communication/expression. In fact, the citizens will be cut off from this dynamic method of ensuring the continued survival of our republic.

John Lutz  
January 5, 2010, 12:18 pm  
P/O/ Box 8883  
Kalispell, Montana 59904-1883

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I believe the vast majority of the American Public would concur with the above. A free and unrestricted internet is vital to preservation of crucial First Amendment rights preservation in America.

Cliff Lyles  
January 5, 2010, 12:21 pm  
31 Wetlands Road  
White, Georgia 30184

In regards to GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

There's an old saying, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

For the love of freedom, leave the Internet alone! It works perfectly fine in it's current form. To intervene in this thriving area can only stifle and atrophe what has to be one of the greatest wonders of the world.

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Spencer J. Lyman  
January 5, 2010, 12:22 pm  
10445 Poplar St  
10445 Poplar St  
Wakefield, Virginia 23888

The government takeover of the Internet would violate the U.S. Constitution as far as owning a privately run industry as well as violate the First Amendment once the Internet gets under the jurisdiction of the government then they will regulate it with restrictions that will limit the right to free speech and also could easily regulate it where no one can contact the outside world!!!

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Danen Lynn  
January 5, 2010, 12:23 pm  
3594 Meadowlark Drive  
Casper, Wyoming 82604

Before reading the comment below, to which I fully agree, I would like you to hear straight from my own thoughts on the issue of regulating, or Stalinizing, the internet. China today regulates what its people can and can't see, and leaders of the United States frequently call for deregulation so the great people of China, its common citizens, can find out the truth for themselves.

Iran is doing the same thing as we speak. As protesters and journalists rush to their computers and cell phones to alert the world of the true happenings within the borders of Iran, websites are being blocked and cell phone coverage disrupted, so a corrupt and violent regime can maintain control.

Any act by the FCC to limit the content of the internet will bring the same characterization, corrupt and controlling. You not only take away the God given right to choose for one's self, but you begin to manipulate the direction of a free nation toward one of decades and decades of poverty, war, and isolation.

These same things have happened throughout history and we will suffer the same fates as the USSR's and China's that have gone before us if you continue to pursue such an unjust, unlawful, and unconstitutional path.

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James H. Mabie  
January 5, 2010, 12:27 pm  
P.O. Box 2365  
Joplin, Missouri 64803

I respectfully submit the following regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Such a transformation of the Internet into a government-controlled public utility is a major policy change that should be debated in Congress, our legitimately elected legislative branch of government. The Commission should not allocate to itself regulatory changes that will force us down this path and restrict the freedom of the internet.

Carole Mace  
January 5, 2010, 12:28 pm  
2820 Coldwater St.  
Connelly Springs, North Carolina 28612

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I am "fed" up with continued efforts for more government control.

Lois MacHale  
January 5, 2010, 12:30 pm  
12352 Priscilla Lane  
Los Altos Hills, California 94022

Knock it off! No government takeover of the Internet! FREEDOM OF SPEECH!!!!!!

Edward Maciula  
January 5, 2010, 12:32 pm  
2783 River Way  
Spring Branch, Texas 78070

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Dee MacKay  
January 5, 2010, 12:34 pm  
2424 Queen St  
Winston Salem, North Carolina 27103

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Delores MacKay  
January 5, 2010, 12:35 pm  
2424 Queen St  
Winston Salem, North Carolina 27103

As a concerned American, I am asking everyone in any position to propose or vote or pass legislation to please leave the American people the freedom of the internet. We have lost enough of our freedoms through the years and the internet offers everyone a whole new world and means a lot to the American public. Please do not interfere with it.

Bill MacMaster  
January 5, 2010, 12:39 pm  
720 Lawson Bar Road  
Myrtle Creek, Oregon 97457

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Mary MacMaster  
January 5, 2010, 12:41 pm  
inform4@juno.com  
Lake Orion, Michigan 48359

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Programming and Websites will live or die under their own accord due to their popularity or lack thereof. I do not want the FCC or any other government body dictating what can be viewed or violating our First Amendment protections.

Carol Magazzeni  
January 5, 2010, 12:45 pm  
4732 Sherman Road  
Kent, Ohio 44240

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Tim Maine  
January 5, 2010, 12:47 pm  
P.O. Box 20816  
Boulder, Colorado 80308

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The fact that those of the FCC that are democrats and barack obama want to do a so called "net neutrality" which is not neutral but controls the internet in such a way that only messages that democrats approve get through shows how desperate and evil democrat leaders have become as the only way that they can get their liberal socialist agenda to the people of OUR Great U.S.ofA. is to control and force feed that info as nation wide for over 15 years fewer and fewer media outlets will broadcast the democrat left wing info as citizens will not support the funding of programs that are left leaning because we see through the lies of the democrat leaders and we do not want the evil agenda of the current democrat leaders, further added the current democrat leaders have wantonly ignored the very large grass roots swelling of U.S.ofA. Citizens that have marched in Washington DC and around the Nation claiming that those Citizens are just a few small angry mobs when we number in the tens of millions, but then as is typical of evil tyrants those tyrants ignore all who disagree and severely punish those that disagree even when those that disagree is most of the nation as is currently the case and the current democrat leaders as do tyrants force their evil agenda regardless of opposition and without letting the opposite party ie us Republicans have anything to say in the matter, those democrats are proving that they are indeed the evil angels living as humans during the last days just before the return of JESUS the CHRIST whom most democrat leaders hate as they are atheists despite the label they apply to themselves,,, so I United States of America Security Agent 001 (I still have that Federal ID) hope you are smart enough to not push through your net neutrality agenda which is not neutral but democrat forced control which has so far worldwide has always been extremely evil and hurt the nations... JESUS CHRIST is my saviour and we will prevail!!!!!! Tim Maine  
Boulder, Colorado

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Lisa Malander  
January 5, 2010, 12:48 pm  
5442 S Richfield Ways  
Centennial, Colorado 80015

Ditto Americans for Prosperity sentiment... LM

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Robert Malcomson  
January 5, 2010, 12:53 pm  
2267 N. Henderson Rd.  
Davison, Michigan 48423

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Philip & Antonette Maldonato  
January 5, 2010, 12:55 pm  
9 Somerset Drive  
Yonkers, New York 10710

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Government STAY OUT OF MY INTERNET!

Steve Mallette  
January 5, 2010, 12:56 pm  
Little Falls Drive  
Concord, North Carolina 28025

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Christina Malo  
January 5, 2010, 12:57 pm  
7885 Dove Ln  
Windsor, California 95492

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Robert Malone  
January 5, 2010, 12:59 pm  
1308 Independence Ave N  
Golden Valley, Minnesota 55427

As an American I'm already sick of watching what Liberal losership is doing to this country. Keep your grimy Marxist hands off of the internet you statist jerks.

Mr. R Gerald Malone

rose mandelbaum  
January 5, 2010, 1:01 pm  
5982 royal club dr boynton beach  
boynton beach, Florida 33437

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Larry Mangan  
January 5, 2010, 1:03 pm  
5554 Wilkerson Pass Drive  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80917

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In a nutshell, keep the Federal Governments hands, feet and toes out of the Internet!

Mary Weaver Mann  
January 5, 2010, 1:04 pm  
1413 Winchester St.  
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

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I am an American citizen. These changes would make my Patriot forebears and relatives who are/were servicemen ROLL OVER IN THEIR GRAVES!

Anne Mansfield  
January 5, 2010, 1:04 pm  
4000 Cathedral Ave, NW 524B  
Washington, District of Columbia 20016

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Mary Mansfield  
January 5, 2010, 1:06 pm  
P.O. Box 1487  
Westhampton Beach, New York 11978

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Charles Mansfield, Jr.  
January 5, 2010, 1:07 pm  
P.O. Box 1487  
Westhampton Beach, New York 11978

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Judith Manuell-Marnell  
January 5, 2010, 1:07 pm  
10258 Old Orchard  
La Porte, Texas 77571

I am not politically savy. I do know that Government takeover is more than just implied in this issue and based on how well our government has handled many government programs, ie FEMA & SOCIAL SECURITY & (possibly) HEALTH, there should be an emphasis on American's to stop this from happening before we become a socialist country, dependent 100% upon Government intervention in every aspect of our lives. For an independant nation filled with proud individuals, this seems truly cock-eyed!

Judith Manuell-Marnell  
January 5, 2010, 1:09 pm  
10258 Old Orchard  
La Porte, Texas 77571

It is amazing to me that America is managed by politicians. Politicians are very good at what they do, politickin' but that does not necessarily make them good managers. This seems quite evident when we look at FEMA, WELFARE, SOCIAL SECURITY, etc , programs managed by our governmental system. I do not want to see our government becoming responsible for another program currently handled in the public sector. For proud Americans, who are independent, stand-on-their-own-two-feet, individuals, we sure have become a nation of mama's boys.

Gary Manzella  
January 5, 2010, 1:11 pm  
501 Red Clay Rd. SW  
Cleveland, Tennessee 37311

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As such I am opposed to any form of government takeover of the Internet.

Gary Manzella

Tom Marhefki  
January 5, 2010, 1:12 pm  
13 Pattison Court  
Simsbury, Connecticut 6070

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In an administration that seems bent on controlling as much power as possible and with very little desire to listen to the will of the people I feel that the government needs to stop trying to make apparent inroads to interfere with our most basic rights including the first amendment.

Please consider the fact that this administration cares more for power and control and what is good for the party and not, as they would try to make us believe our "best interests".

I am available to answer any inquiry you may have and will gladly stand up and be counted in an effort to destroy this attempt on our constitution.

Anne Markert  
January 5, 2010, 1:12 pm  
37777 Drawbridge Way  
Purcellville, Virginia 20132

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The only reason for doing this, in my opinion, is to dismantle all that is good about America and the capitalist system. That reason, in my opinion, is to eventually overthrow our Country, piece by piece, over time..... until America is no more.

Joan Marks  
January 5, 2010, 1:13 pm  
Bear Valley Springs  
Tehachapi, California 93561

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YOU WORK FOR US....WE DON'T WORK FOR YOU...GOT IT...IF NOT GET IT.

J. E. Marsden  
January 5, 2010, 1:14 pm  
1351 sommerset Dr.  
Lawrenceville, Georgia 30043

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Janet Marsh  
January 5, 2010, 1:18 pm  
74 S 360 W  
Orem, Utah 84058

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WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

Dale and Patricia Marshall  
January 5, 2010, 1:18 pm  
2415 Aurelius Rd  
#18  
Holt, Michigan 48842

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Sincerely,

Glenn Marshall  
January 5, 2010, 1:22 pm  
1419 Elva Dr  
Gallup, New Mexico 87301-5823

I am completely opposed to this proposal.

By means of twisted language you are attempting to further control individuals, taking away personal liberty. Liberties for which our founding fathers fought, bled and died. Liberties for which countremen died in two World Wars.

Less government is always better government!

Sincerely,

Glenn E Marshall

David Marsilia  
January 5, 2010, 1:23 pm  
4400 Memorial Dr #2071  
Houston, Texas 77007

I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

Open internet, just like net neutrality, is a terrible idea. Our country is vanishing in a maelstrom of government regulations and new self-imposed government powers. The internet is not a public utility, but is rather private property, and should remain so. Do not continue to contribute to the fascist expanse of government infecting our nation's economy. If the FCC seizes control of the internet via "open internet," a serious blow will have been dealt to the future of free speech.

Ed and Pat Martell  
January 5, 2010, 1:23 pm  
45 Washington Ave  
Patchogue, New York 11772

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Eric Martell  
January 5, 2010, 1:27 pm  
9851 Osprey Landing  
Orlando, Florida 32832

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Della Marteny  
January 5, 2010, 1:30 pm  
4003 NE 23 Pl  
Ocala, Florida 34470

NO! to government control of the internet!!!!

regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No. 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The Internet is highly competitive. If a private company blocked or censored Internet traffic it would lose its customers. If government exercises control over the Internet, it will be a MONOPOLY, which is currently ILLEGAL!

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Albert Martin  
January 5, 2010, 1:39 pm  
823 colonia road  
elizabeth, New Jersey 07208/

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My additions:

I also enjoy photography as a serviou hobby, and realize that sending High Resolution pictures over the web takes up a substantial amount of bandwidth. It certainly takes up mroe bandwith than simple text messaging. I want to have the ability to send pictures over the internet, quality picture and many of them. Currently I have choices of service providers and costs. I can match my usage with costs.

Under "net neutrality" the chances are that the internet provider will become similar to the telephone company many years ago before deregulation: simple and not innovative. I much perfer an internet provider that will innovate. The cost of that could be higher fees. But that is OK. Higher fees for higher service is much more acceptable than standard fees with poor service.

Al Martin

Clare Martin  
January 5, 2010, 1:43 pm  
280 South Ashe Street  
Southern Pines, North Carolina 28387

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Joann Martin  
January 5, 2010, 1:54 pm  
42 Hope Street  
Nutley, New Jersey 7110

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K Martin  
January 5, 2010, 1:57 pm  
9245 Ridge Rd.  
Goodrich, Michigan 48438

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January 5, 2010, 1:57 pm  
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Wichita, Kansas 67213

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Patricia Martin  
January 5, 2010, 1:57 pm  
1044 E. Bayview Blvd.  
Norfolk, Virginia 23503

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susan Martin  
January 5, 2010, 1:58 pm  
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Hopewell Junction, New York 12533

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Jaren Martineau  
January 5, 2010, 2:03 pm  
1025 E 6th Pl  
Mesa, Arizona 85203

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Sheryl Martinson  
January 5, 2010, 2:05 pm  
8550 W. 90th Ave.  
Westminster, Colorado 80021

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Isn't government in enough stuff without trying to control the internet system as well? Leave something to free enterprise.

Anthony Mascia  
January 5, 2010, 2:07 pm  
360 Somerset St Apt 4  
Stirling, New Jersey 7980

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To put it another way, since Government proves itself incompetent at virtually everything it attempts to manage, why would we expect any better with this?

Regards

Deon Masker  
January 5, 2010, 2:10 pm  
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Dalton Gardens  
Idaho, Idaho 83815

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**ZIONIST TREASON GOVERNS AMERICA! We do not need it governing the internet!!!!**

Harriett Mason  
January 5, 2010, 2:15 pm  
11101 Lane 7, North  
Mosca, Colorado 81146

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Sheryl Massey  
January 5, 2010, 2:21 pm  
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Mandan, North Dakota 58554

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Claudia Masters  
January 5, 2010, 2:25 pm  
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Westminster, Colorado 80234

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Peter Matarangas  
January 5, 2010, 2:29 pm  
625 Blackmore Court  
Marco Island, Florida 34145

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D MATEJOWSKY  
January 5, 2010, 2:31 pm  
10000 RICHMOND AVE #2  
HOUSTON, Texas 77042-4200

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Dorothy Mathias  
January 5, 2010, 2:35 pm  
3220 chowen Ave. N.  
Robbinsdale, Minnesota 55422-3246

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Shirley Matney  
January 5, 2010, 2:41 pm  
5191 Falls Rd.  
Lewisburg, Ohio 45338

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Julie Mattern  
January 5, 2010, 2:42 pm  
5220 South Brandon Street  
Seattle, Washington 98118

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Deborah Matthai  
January 5, 2010, 2:53 pm  
1818 S.Shore Dr.  
Holland, Michigan 49423

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Sincerely, Deborah Matthai

Paul Maxwell  
January 5, 2010, 2:53 pm  
5358 Timmons Ave  
Memphis, Tennessee 38119

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Wilbur Maxwell  
January 5, 2010, 2:54 pm  
904 W Utica St  
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74011

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jannie may  
January 5, 2010, 2:56 pm  
590 N.W. Aspen Ave.  
cedaredge, Colorado 81413

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Kevin May  
January 5, 2010, 2:57 pm  
1281 Fonterra Way  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

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Free markets.  
Less government regulation.  
Remember the 1st Amendment?

Richard May  
January 5, 2010, 2:59 pm  
816 Duncan Place  
Manhattan Bch., California 90266

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I vote and influence others and we are now watching your actions.

Todd Mayer  
January 5, 2010, 3:00 pm  
722 N Golden Hills  
Wichita, Kansas 67212

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Jeff Mayers  
January 5, 2010, 3:02 pm  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave  
Washington, District of Columbia 12345

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The internet is not and should not be a "Public utility." To say that all traffic is equal just shows us that the powers that be have no idea what kind of traffic runs over the internet. If you want to give a granny's 14 word email to her grandson the same priority as a videoconference between two hospitals that are trying to save the life of a newborn baby then we are truly in trouble. Traffic on the internet has priorities just like everything else in life and if you can't see that, then you are as clueless as they come. I work in IT and I understand that certain types of traffic need priority over others. Voice and video traffic are very sensitive kinds of traffic and if they are broken into too many pieces, nothing comes out as it should. Data traffic will get there but when it comes to hearing a voice and seeing a face, a garbled sound and pixelated face just won't cut it. The big bad government didn't invent the internet so what makes it think it can just say to us move over, we know better than you and can run it better than you. If the government thinks it can do better, then let it come up with its own ideas and pay for them with its own money and stop using mine.

Stop trying to force your will on us and let us think for ourselves as we have done for hundreds of years. If you want to see what really happens when a government runs the internet, just take a gander over the pacific at China and if that is what you want for us, then just move over there and leave us alone. They have no original ideas so they have to steal ours.  
Thanks.

Holly Mayfield  
January 5, 2010, 3:03 pm  
776 East 30th South  
Wellington, Kansas 67152

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The internet should not become a government-controlled Utility . . .

Any leanings in that direction should most definitely be debated in Congress and not left to a "commission."

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I resent the continued blatant "power grab" over private entities. Leave the private entities alone . . .

Sincerely,

Holly Mayfield

Michelle Mayhan  
January 5, 2010, 3:04 pm  
14595 Olde Hwy. 80, #21  
El Cajon, California 92021

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Eileen Mays  
January 5, 2010, 3:04 pm  
14380 Susana Ct  
Moreno Valley, California 92553

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Keep the Government out of it!

James Mc Quillan  
January 5, 2010, 3:07 pm  
410 Azalea Drive  
Hampstead, North Carolina 28443

As an American citizen in good standing (i.e. taxpayer since 1959) I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Believe me, as a cable subscriber since 1973 (Poukeepsie, NY) I am not a big fan of cable companies but I feel compelled to write because if a private company blocked or censored Internet traffic maliciously it would lose its customers. If government exercised control over the Internet, there would be no place to turn.

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January 5, 2010, 3:10 pm  
410 Azalea Drive  
Hampstead, North Carolina 28443

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Patricia McBride  
January 5, 2010, 3:15 pm  
416 W. Hallock Hollow Rd.  
Edelstein, Illinois 61526

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eg. PBS, NPR

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Chris McCalla  
January 5, 2010, 3:19 pm  
259 Lantern Lane  
Ellerslie, Georgia 31807

As private citizen, tax payer, and consumer, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Michael McClere  
January 5, 2010, 3:19 pm  
28332 Timber Oaks Ct.  
Magnolia, Texas 77355

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Gary McClung  
January 5, 2010, 3:20 pm  
159 Whippany rd.  
Whippany, New Jersey 7981

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David McConeghey  
January 5, 2010, 3:24 pm  
1507 W Browning Ct  
Andover, Kansas 67002

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January 5, 2010, 3:27 pm  
66 Hemlock Haven  
Hampton, New Hampshire 3842

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The Internet has come a long ways without unnecessary government intervention. As with everything, it works better when government isn't involved. Please let it remain a good productive tool for mankind; DONT' SCREW IT UP

Norene McCormick  
January 5, 2010, 3:32 pm  
10300 Cogswell Ave.  
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Las Vegas, Nevada 89134

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Jill McCracken  
January 5, 2010, 3:34 pm  
471 Hawthorne Place  
Morganville, New Jersey 7751

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Period.

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KEEP YOUR HANDS Off OF THE INTERNET.

John McCracken  
January 5, 2010, 3:39 pm  
142 W. Patrick St.  
Gilbert, Arizona 85233

Socialized healthcare, federally funded abortion, gun control, Copenhagen crap and fide agreement, czars that beleive your hamster can sue you, giving praise to chairman Mao, giving billions to crooked financial institutions then scolding THEIR actions after signing the check, buying votes on what the people as a whole emphatically dislike, labeling all of those who like to disagree with policy domestic terrorists, attempting to implement failed practices of other cultures and embracing the wrong people internationally while turning their backs on our allies. No wonder the state controlled media demonizes you "right wingers" all the time. There is no place for values in this agenda. On 09-08-09 the next generation of voters were told not to rebel against the boundries, along with the constitution they are being removed by a congress and senate who appear to be hearing impaired. Treason is a good description for all of this and in this election we need some "incumbent cleansing". Don't ask for advice from an ivy league graduate, ask a human being. Can you mail me one of those NYC heroin users instruction manuals??? Thanks.

John McCracken  
(of the new tired and poor)

Kenneth and Marsha McElreath  
January 5, 2010, 3:51 pm  
P.O. Box 124  
Mt. Vernon, Iowa 52314

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Scott McElroy  
January 5, 2010, 3:56 pm  
14711 W 47th St S  
Clearwater, Kansas 67026-9048

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Thank you for your time.

Melissa McFarland  
January 5, 2010, 4:06 pm  
7513 East Whistling Wind Way  
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Scottsdale, Arizona 85255

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Jean McGonigal  
January 5, 2010, 4:08 pm  
23891 Meadow Dr. NE  
Aurora, Oregon 97002

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Gail McHenry  
January 5, 2010, 4:10 pm  
6252 McKinney Hollow Road  
Eagle Rock, Virginia 24085

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This country is being turned into something that, when you stop and look at it, you'll be ashamed and saddened. Please look before it's too late!

God bless America!!

JOHN McILHANEY  
January 5, 2010, 4:11 pm  
203 KENMAR DRIVE  
YORKTOWN, Virginia 23692

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Jane McIntosh  
January 5, 2010, 4:11 pm  
346 Silent Brook Trail  
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George McKenzie  
January 5, 2010, 4:17 pm  
9615 W. 98th St.  
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January 5, 2010, 4:18 pm  
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Oal Lee McKenzie  
January 5, 2010, 4:25 pm  
1309 Grove PT RD  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28409

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We are watching!

Clay McKinney  
January 5, 2010, 4:27 pm  
305 Jackson Rd  
Dickson, Tennessee 37055

I am the owner of BANG! Web Development, and have been professionally involved with the Internet for 12 years.

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David McKinnon  
January 5, 2010, 4:28 pm  
6707 Alta Vista Drive  
Rancho Palos Verdes, California 90275

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There is simply no rationale for imposing new regulations on the the lightly regulated, competitive Internet -- a proven, great engine of innovation, growth, and expression.

Ralph McKnight  
January 5, 2010, 4:31 pm  
2308 Marthasville Court  
Stone Mountain, Georgia 30087

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I am tired of our representatives not representing us. So far this administration has come inches close to treason. If it ever reaches that point, the only action to that betraying is firing squad. I hope it doesn't come to that, but there are millions that have already called for that in this administration. Fact!

We will be watching, and we wont take the lies and midnight closed door deals sitting down anymore.

James G. McMahon  
January 5, 2010, 4:39 pm  
508 S Longfield Ave  
Sherwood, Arkansas 72120

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Roger McMillin  
January 5, 2010, 4:40 pm  
12695 Fellowship Way  
Reno, Nevada 89511

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For many senior citizens this is their preferred method of communicating with relatives and friends. Censorship would for the most part eliminate their freedom to communicate.

Susanna McNeil  
January 5, 2010, 4:40 pm  
1641 N. Vine St.  
Chicago, Illinois 60614

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Please adhere to the same principle that guides our health care providers: First, do no harm. Please cease and desist in this effort to take over the Internet.

David B McNeill (public)  
January 5, 2010, 4:41 pm  
2412 Scouting Trail  
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Raleigh, North Carolina 27615

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Andrea McNew  
January 5, 2010, 4:50 pm  
2302 Apion Court  
Paso Robles, California 93446

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I strongly believe in the rights of the people, the values of the Constitution, and less government interference in the workings of the free enterprise system. Stop spending. Stay out of private business. Listen to the voices of the American People.  
Thank you, Andrea L. McNew

Dolly McRea  
January 5, 2010, 4:57 pm  
9615 W Willowbrook Drive  
Sun City, Arizona 85373

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I find this to be a another way of gaining control over the lives of people.....

D.Mcrea

Matthew McReynolds  
January 5, 2010, 5:03 pm  
5920 SW 205th Ave.  
Aloha, Oregon 97007

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Sandi McReynolds  
January 5, 2010, 5:05 pm  
30084 Grapevine Lane  
Carl Junction, Missouri 64834

I respectfully submit the following regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The Internet is, and should remain, highly competitive. There is no justification for imposing new regulations that would unquestionably slow the impetus of innovation, growth, and expression that the competitive Internet has become. I am especially concerned that the Commission is already contemplating Internet content restrictions, such as the suggestion under paragraph 77 of the NPRM that the Commission may ultimately assume authority for which competing interests should be prioritized.

The proposed burden of proof for requiring network management practices is unreasonably restrictive and will prevent the free development of business models that may be economically efficient, impose uncertainty in the market, and create litigation risks. Such restrictions would lower the rate of return on investment in building network capacity, discouraging further investment and crippling the growth of the internet. This appears to be a desired outcome of many proponents of regulation, such as former White House adviser Susan Crawford and Free Press founder Robert McChesney, since it would put the internet into position to be "rescued" with taxpayer subsidies, inevitably bringing government control and politicization along with government ownership. If a private company blocked or censored Internet traffic maliciously it would lose its customers; however, if government exercised control over the Internet, there would be no other options available.

Such a transformation of the Internet into a government-controlled public utility is a major policy change that should be debated in Congress, our legitimately elected legislative branch of government. The Commission should not arrogate to itself regulatory changes that will force us down this path and restrict the freedom of the internet.

Katrina Meade  
January 5, 2010, 5:06 pm  
24 Stanford Court #12  
Irvine, California 92673

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All of these measures continue to erode the our nation by changing ideals, corruption, lowering standards, silliness and harmful greed. The decent members of the public are increasingly becoming less protected, as the corrupt majority, taking over by sheer numbers and a rapidly increasing population of citizens of a different ethical character. Those who continue to increase our population with no parental accountability, crime and sloth are taking over in numbers and demand the state's economical support. Our courts and legislature take private kickbacks in their pocket from oil, drugs, and corrupt banking. Despite the false rhetoric to create a misleading public perception that we are gettingt out of a heinous, uncalled for war, and getting the lobbyists out of Washington, we are dragged into more war for the self serving corporate vulcher lobbies that run Washington. Actually, the opposite of what is promised is happening. Also, the healthcare measure is another example of this government takeover. The government operated entities are wasteful, and the least efficient. The only thing our Congress does is secure their pensions and vote based on kickbacks, which they seem to increasingly be spending on wine and women. Porn on the internet makes more money than any other industry, as I was an employee at Microsoft. The government, as with the poppy market in Afghanistant will increasingly make sure that these undisclosed markets thrive \$\$\$. The healthcare measure is all about giving rights to those that sit around, and reallocating things to those that are favored. Decent people are discriminated against. Everybody will receive C care, and nobody will get A care. This will result in the certain secret intended result of population control-esp. of the old. Instead, let's allow the criminals, molesters and parentally unaccountable babymakers to thrive by access to healthcare just because they're young. What is America doing to protect the hard-working decent folks. There is no proportionality in the system anymore between your toil and reward. The sitter arounders will get everything handed on a platter, taking out the critical incentive in the system to work. But, Obama and Pelosi will receive the most elite care. If they believe this is going to be quality care they should agree to be receive the same health care that everybody else is. This would never happen. They don't truly care about the suffering of good people, as long as they're taken care of, they will take away the hard working middle class' quality care.

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January 5, 2010, 5:07 pm  
2 Stanford Court #12  
Irvine, California 92673

Katrina has just sent a comment. Her well being is being tracked should anything happen to her based on her previous comments. An attorney in Newport Beach has tracked and recorded these comments and will expose the incident should the current administration try to take her out or harm her in any way for her comments. We are living in times where people like Larry Sinclair were hurt. Perception and dumbing up the public are the goals of modern government. What happened to the quality and character our forefathers fought to protect.

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Edi Meadwos  
January 5, 2010, 5:08 pm  
2210 Dogwood Circle  
Mount Dora, Florida 32757

Government needs to stay out of business, as long as no laws are being broken.

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mary meagher  
January 5, 2010, 5:10 pm  
2850 Creekside Dr.  
santa Rosa, California 95405

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Loretta Meier  
January 5, 2010, 5:12 pm  
3467 West Delhi Rd  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103

As an American I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The Internet is a highly competitive, amazing tool of communication and innovation and education. Endless possibilities open up unless it is taken over and regulated, taxed, or jeopardized by government intervention.

Keep the internet free from government intervention and monopolizing the communications market. This bill is not a step for freedom and can not be hidden under language that promotes neutrality but seeks control and limitation.

Please remember that government is FOR THE PEOPLE and the internet serves the people and should not be ruled to death!  
Keep the internet free and open!

Lesla Melaugh  
January 5, 2010, 5:13 pm  
8119 Poe Ct  
Jacksonville, Florida 32244

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Peggy melfi  
January 5, 2010, 5:13 pm  
9541 High Free Pike  
West jefferson, Ohio 43162

Enough with the control of a FREE people, already!

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Anthony Meller  
January 5, 2010, 5:14 pm  
50870 Coventry Ct  
Elkhart, Indiana 46514

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Thank-you for your time,

Mr. Anthony Meller

Linda Melton  
January 5, 2010, 5:16 pm  
7068 Sunburst Way  
Citrus Heights, California 95621

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The suggested burden of proof for requiring network management practices is unrealistically restrictive and would essentially eliminate business practices that would well be economically efficient, thus imposing uncertainty and creating opportunity for expensive litigation. Such restrictions would lower the rate of return on investments in building network capacity to the point that some of those investments would no longer make economic sense.

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JoAn Mende  
January 5, 2010, 5:29 pm  
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Addison, Michigan 49220

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Doesnt our administration have enough on their plate to resolve, fix and restore, than to entertain creating new regulations on internet use?

Ruth Merrill  
January 5, 2010, 5:30 pm  
4953 Eastridge Lane #144  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84117

Although the following comment was written for me, I am definitely in agreement with what it says. I am certain that government regulations in most cases lead to higher cost and less efficiency. The only time this is not the case is when a monopoly exists. I know if no evidence that this is the case with the internet. I also know that government regulations in many cases actually contribute to the ability of one company to create a monopoly. Therefore, I support the following comment.

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Robert Merryman  
January 5, 2010, 5:34 pm  
P.O.Box 717  
Rio Grande, New Jersey 8242

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America does NOT need Joseph Goebbels in charge of the Internet. People and businesses NEED and WANT the Internet totally FREE and totally unhindered as an avenue of FREE and OPEN DISCUSSION!! We don't need cute terms that sound good like "internet neutrality" and "Open Internet" which are really code terms for BIG BROTHER GOVERNMENT regulation. "That government is BEST which Governs LEAST"-enough said!!

William Mertens  
January 5, 2010, 5:38 pm  
2378 Meadowdown Dr.  
Owosso, Michigan 48867

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In a nutshell, the less government intervention in our lives the better!

Gary Messano  
January 5, 2010, 5:40 pm  
679 Granite Cliff  
San Antonio, Texas 78251

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Oh and by the way, THIS IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL!!!!!!

Larry Meyer  
January 5, 2010, 5:44 pm  
3308 E Main  
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49048

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Larry M. Meyer ARS-WD8KWK

George Meyers  
January 5, 2010, 5:45 pm  
1307 N. Wisconsin St  
Racine, Wisconsin 53402

The Internet must remain open and free. Yes, I understand there are some risks with this. That is always the case with freedom.

But the advantages far outweigh the risks.

I am sure that you see things in government that you don't like. Right now the Internet is the very best opportunity we have to uncover those things. Nothing else has ever worked and never will.

Whistle Blowers are hardly heard of any more.

The Internet is our Whistle Blower. Look what happened to the corruption in England with the Global Warming issue. It was the Internet that set those liars on the defense.

You will not want to live in a country whose government has the power to control communications and the Internet.

Jacquelynn Meyers  
January 5, 2010, 5:47 pm  
1307 N. Wisconsin Street  
Racine, Wisconsin 53402

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b michael  
January 5, 2010, 5:48 pm  
1830 westover ave  
petersburg, Virginia 23805

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Do NOT do this!

Pat Michael  
January 5, 2010, 5:56 pm  
4120 shetland Dr  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105

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Please consider the impact of this on our country. We are FREE, anyone can listen/read or not listen/read whatever they like. We Have CHOICE in America. How dare one group think They can control everyone else. Trials for treason are not far off.

Ted Michorczyk  
January 5, 2010, 6:01 pm  
600 Cedar Knoll Court  
Roswell, Georgia 30076

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Come on Congress, get a handle on "common sense", this bill is ridiculous !!

Guy Miconi  
January 5, 2010, 6:04 pm  
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Oakton, Virginia 22124

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Let's stop this nonsense now.

James Midgley  
January 5, 2010, 6:10 pm  
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Plano, Texas 75075

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Whenever the government has undertaken to "solve a problem" it has only made it worse. How absurd to interject the government into an area where there is not even a problem. Please LEAVE THE INTERNET ALONE!

Mark Midkiff  
January 5, 2010, 6:23 pm  
1101 NW 40th Ave  
Coconut Creek, Florida 33066

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Edward Mike  
January 5, 2010, 6:29 pm  
17711 10th Ave Marion MI  
Marion, Michigan 49665

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Amy Mikula  
January 5, 2010, 6:30 pm  
2713 Sutherland Dr  
Thompsons Station, Tennessee 37179

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Cory Mikula  
January 5, 2010, 6:34 pm  
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Dennis Miley  
January 5, 2010, 6:36 pm  
1907 Pollock St  
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22405

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Christopher C Miller  
January 5, 2010, 6:40 pm  
9104 Fieldcrest Walk  
Covington, Georgia 30014

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Leave our First Amendment rights alone!

Clark Miller  
January 5, 2010, 6:41 pm  
2017 E. Yeargin Dr  
Fresno, California 93720

The government needs to get of the business of making everything its business. Hands off the Internet, the greatest frontier of information transmission and dissemination in human history. Let the risk-takers, markets and consumers decide what will prevail. Gov't regulation leads to stagnation and stifles true innovation. Any attempt to insert gov't bureaucracy is another veiled attempt to erode our constitutinal rights to free speech and assembly. "Don't tread on me" once again needs to become the rallying cry for Americans resisting the restrictions our so called leaders continously seek to impose.

Back off  
Hands off  
Laissez-faire  
Don't read on me

Karen Miller  
January 5, 2010, 6:43 pm  
11322 Western Avenue  
Cedarburg, Wisconsin 53012

Regarding GN Docket No. 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

Keep your hands off our internet. There is absolutely no plausible reason why our government politicians and beauracracy should control it. Regardless of how you might try to spin it, we all know this is merely an attempt to take it over. How dare you!

Kevin Miller  
January 5, 2010, 6:44 pm  
50 West Main St.  
Apt. 11B1  
Uniontown, Pennsylvania 15401

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1. I don't have a plastic card  
2. My Banking account's budget is limited and...  
3. I just shouldn't have to! It was intended to be free for searching and it needs to STAY that way.  
The 1st Amendment in our Constitution guarantees our Freedom Of Speech and it shouldn't be tossed away like yesterday's garbage. Please leave my Internet Alone!

larry miller  
January 5, 2010, 7:01 pm  
5312 old town lane  
gastonia, North Carolina 28056

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Larry Miller

Michael Miller  
January 5, 2010, 7:02 pm  
11136 Geyer Downs Lane  
St. Louis, Missouri 63131

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Stephen Miller  
January 5, 2010, 7:03 pm  
156 Otis Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55104

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Sean Millichamp  
January 5, 2010, 7:04 pm  
19630 Hickory Leaf St  
Southfield, Michigan 48076

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Mark Milliman  
January 5, 2010, 7:07 pm  
4080 Greens Place  
Longmont, Colorado 80503

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As a builder of last-mile broadband networks, I am vehemently opposed to any regulation of the Internet that would limit service provider's ability to deliver quality, reliable, innovative services. Network operators need the ability to offer differentiated services without restriction, regulation, or other intervention. The current FCC proposal will prohibit the offering of those services. All bits are not created equal as many filings have pointed out.

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The bottom line is that if it ain't broke, don't fix it and it ain't broke!

Sincerely Yours,  
Mark Milliman

Andrew Miner  
January 5, 2010, 7:09 pm  
11203 SE 267th Pl  
Kent, Washington 98030

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Mary Minshall  
January 5, 2010, 7:24 pm  
5575 N. Simmons Ave., Ste 1  
PMB 120  
North Las Vegas, Nevada 89031

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In conclusion, the last thing anyone of us needs is more government intrusion into the private sector where the Internet belongs.

Keith Minty  
January 5, 2010, 7:31 pm  
4308 Hatch Street  
N. Las Vegas, Nevada 89032

As a concerned American, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Jennifer Mitchell  
January 5, 2010, 7:33 pm  
1514 9th Street  
Bedford, Indiana 47421

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Keep the internet public. We do not want government control, especially Socialist or Communist government, NO GOVERNMENT CONTROL!!!

Verle and Christine Mitchell  
January 5, 2010, 7:35 pm  
61300 King Solomon Lane  
Bend, Oregon 97702-2810

What are you thinking about and what are you trying to do? What would happen to you if someone else were in power and didn't like what you were saying so they shut you up! As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Winston Mitchell  
January 5, 2010, 7:40 pm  
PO Box529  
Seaside, Oregon 97138

Tyrants abound in any age. The Founding Fathers sternly warned Americans of whatever era to avoid anything corresponding to a tyranny of kings, e.g unknown, unaccountable czars answerable only to the chief executive. Obama has turned increasingly to that power grab ignobly pressed by GW Bush along with signing statements. American freedom has had to renew itself through the blood and sacrifice of those who love this nation and limited constitutional government. The Constitution and Federalism are increasingly shredded by charlatans in and out of government while paying it lip service. We must strongly reject this inroad on our freedoms if we are to be worthy of citizenship in this "last best hope of freedom."

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Tom Mittler  
January 5, 2010, 7:42 pm  
9302 Bayberry Lane  
Tinley Park, Illinois 60487

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Thomas Mittler

Robert Mizell  
January 5, 2010, 7:43 pm  
7400 Cienega NW  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87120

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What this administration wants to do using the FCC as the vehicle to the free flow of information on the internet is akin to what Hugo Chavez did and is doing in Venezuela. Assert control of all forums that make available the expression of thought and ideas that differ from theirs.

Stephan Moen  
January 5, 2010, 7:44 pm  
848 Wine Cellar Cir  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28411

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

Internet providers should be able to "prioritize" certain uses, either through higher prices or in association with selected priorities such as crisis management, law enforcement, national security, medical uses--but at their discretion. So long as all people have access to the internet at whatever fair price the service requires (assuming a competitive and level-field marketplace), the market will develop capabilities and allocate resources most efficiently to provide the desired services and yet provide a good reward for those who innovate and risk to develop and enhance the internet.

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Frederick Moessner  
January 5, 2010, 7:48 pm  
102 Crossington Way  
Fountain Inn, South Carolina 29644-7901

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Deborah Mohler  
January 5, 2010, 7:55 pm  
16106 Lake Drive West  
Vanceleave, Mississippi 39565

As a Free at the moment American Citizen and an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Charles Molling  
January 5, 2010, 8:07 pm  
141 Rainbow Drive, #4170  
Livingston, Texas 77399-1041

Keep your GD hands off the Internet which is today's press and should be covered under freedom of the press.

Victoria Mongold  
January 5, 2010, 8:11 pm  
3920 Holsinger Rd  
Broadway, Virginia 22815

As an Americans for Prosperity supporter, I share the sentiments written below, regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Pamela Monnier  
January 5, 2010, 8:11 pm  
129 Main Street  
POB 23  
York Springs, Pennsylvania 17372

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Rick Monroe  
January 5, 2010, 8:21 pm  
11138 Pinehurst Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78747

As an American, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Ray Montgomery  
January 5, 2010, 8:22 pm  
1105 Railroad Ave #248  
Bellingham, Washington 9825

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

There is nothing wrong with any of the communications systems in the United States. The U.S. government has no business "helping" these private companies in any way. Fairness, quality of service and freedom can only be guaranteed by a free and unfettered market. Please end all the initiatives currently in progress that advocate government intervention in the private business of U.S. citizens.

Included below is the text from the Americans for Prosperity web site with which I wholeheartedly agree:

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Ronald T. Moody  
January 5, 2010, 8:26 pm  
11908 Highway 212  
Marshall, North Carolina 28753

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Just Remember I Vote! and I Count.

James Mooney  
January 5, 2010, 8:28 pm  
2440 E. Hale St.  
Mesa, Arizona 85213

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Michael Mooney  
January 5, 2010, 8:32 pm  
36902 Bayside Drive  
Fenwick Island, Delaware 19944

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James Moore  
January 5, 2010, 8:36 pm  
41 Punzante Way  
Hot Springs Village, Arkansas 71909

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Jeff Moore  
January 5, 2010, 8:37 pm  
3065 NE Saber Dr  
Bend, Oregon 97701

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Lynn Moore  
January 5, 2010, 8:39 pm  
409 Horton Drive  
Port Gibson, Mississippi 39150

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Charles Moran  
January 5, 2010, 8:45 pm  
5482 Red Fox Dr  
Brighton, Michigan 48114

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James Moreland  
January 5, 2010, 8:50 pm  
1668 West Ash Dr.  
Avon, Ohio 44011

As a concerned internet user and unabashed capitalist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Matt Morgan  
January 5, 2010, 8:52 pm  
4510 Medical Center Dr Ste 204  
McKinney, Texas 75069

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David Morris  
January 5, 2010, 8:53 pm  
12513 Church St. #8  
Birch Run, Michigan 48415

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Government control of the internet, or any other private sector communication medium is clearly a violation of the 1st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Thomas Morse  
January 5, 2010, 8:54 pm  
1628 Jacobsen Road  
Neenah, Wisconsin 54956-1104

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Jack Moses Jr.  
January 5, 2010, 8:55 pm  
16076 Howard Dr.  
Macomb, Michigan 48042

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Mary A. Moss  
January 5, 2010, 9:02 pm  
1530 Northaven Drive  
Allen, Texas 75002

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C. C. Motes  
January 5, 2010, 9:06 pm  
6174 McGinnis Ferry Road #301  
Alpharetta, Georgia 30005

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Please leave our internet alone. It works just fine as it is. After all, Al Gore invented it!!!

Richard Mozey  
January 5, 2010, 9:15 pm  
15915 Stratton Park Drive  
Spring, Texas 77379

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Sharon Mulawa  
January 5, 2010, 9:39 pm  
29851 Quinkert  
Roseville, Michigan 48066

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I believe in limited government and freedom for the people. The government should only be involved in those dutys specified in the constitution. Control of communications and the stifling of free speech is unamerican.

Terry Mulawa  
January 5, 2010, 9:48 pm  
29851 Quinkert  
Roseville, Michigan 48066

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I believe in freedom and free markets. The government takeover of the economy and the internet is unamerican. I am deeply concerned about this administrations desire for central control of the American people.

Bill Mullins  
January 5, 2010, 10:06 pm  
1804 Glengarry Dr.  
Carrollton, Texas 75006

Keep government out of the internet.

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January 5, 2010, 10:07 pm  
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Michael Mulready  
January 5, 2010, 10:16 pm  
4925 Cliff Point Circle East  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80919

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Ted Munger  
January 5, 2010, 10:25 pm  
1127 Bel Air Drive  
Allen, Texas 75013

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January 5, 2010, 10:25 pm  
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eddie munsey  
January 5, 2010, 10:43 pm  
820 douglad dr  
rogersville, Tennessee 37857

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I will be waiting for you to show up at the house.

David Munson  
January 5, 2010, 10:51 pm  
9446 70th St.  
Kenosha, Wisconsin 53142

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Read the Novel "1984" - I am not going to let you get away with your dirty tactics to undermine our freedoms & control almost every aspect of our lives.

Beware the Voter Backlash !!

Sincerely !!

Roy Munzel  
January 5, 2010, 10:51 pm  
351 N. Squirrel Rd Lot 213  
Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326

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Pamela Murdoch  
January 5, 2010, 11:12 pm  
165 Ketton Crossing  
Johns Creek, Georgia 30097

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Daniel Murphey  
January 5, 2010, 11:34 pm  
7 Caranza Ave.  
Evansville, Indiana 47710

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I, Daniel Murphey, believe and support all that has been said in this message. It seems as if the leadership of our country thinks that if we become like China in every other respect we will also have their wealth.

Paul Murphy  
January 5, 2010, 11:37 pm  
9126 Belton Bend Ct.  
Cypress, Texas 77433

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Jackie Murray  
January 5, 2010, 11:39 pm  
40 Underpass Rd.  
Plummer, Idaho 83851

We The People know the real reason you guys want to regulate the internet! you want to work in secrecy to prevent Americans from finding out what shenanigans you are up to in real time. What are you trying to protect us from? Free speech.

Rick Murray  
January 5, 2010, 11:40 pm  
2414 SW Salmon Ave.  
Redmond, Oregon 97756

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I, as the sender of this message, agree completely with the statements set forth here and am opposed to gov't intervention or control of content and technologies.

Carl Muschweck  
January 6, 2010, 12:37 am  
1981 SW McAllister Lane  
Port St Lucie, Florida 34953

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Holly Musgrave  
January 6, 2010, 1:01 am  
1525 E. Elmwood Cir  
Mesa, Arizona 85203

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Sincerely, Holly Musgrave, Concerned Citizen

Donald Musgrove  
January 6, 2010, 1:12 am  
15520 Collier run rd.  
Cumberland, Maryland 21502

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Dalen Muster  
January 6, 2010, 1:22 am  
1060 South st #14  
Redding, California 96001

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I am absolutely against government run communications. (internet, phone, etc.) Hands Off! Free market is working, always has and if you guys screw this up I'll be one of the taxpayers paying for it. No, No, No!  
Dalen Muster

Theodore Myers  
January 6, 2010, 3:59 am  
5758 E. Ironwood Dr.  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85266-6728

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I totally oppose all government involvement or regulation of the internet. Free speech must be preserved.

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I totally oppose all government involvement or regulation of the internet. Free speech must be preserved.

Heidi Napier  
January 6, 2010, 4:03 am  
3176 El Tejon Rd.  
Cameron Park, California 95682

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January 6, 2010, 4:34 am  
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Nick Narcowich  
January 6, 2010, 5:48 am  
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Milpitas, California 95035

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Thank you for your time,

Nick Narcowich

Father Harold Eugene Nash  
January 6, 2010, 6:05 am  
PO. Box 5255  
Quartzsite, Arizona 85359

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This "net neutrality" is a lie. It is nothing less than another Obama Government take over. Please lets call a spade a spade. This is a COMMUNIST take over of our rights. Mr. Obama is scared to death of the people of the UNITED STATES. If he does not control all forms of communication he will never be relected, and he should not be. I and MILLIONS of AMERICANS have fought and many have died for our CONSTITUTION. Will you let this man how has never served in our miliary never put his life on the line, destroy WE THE PEOPLES RIGHTS???

For GOD and Country

+++Bishop Harold E. Nash

Charles Nauman  
January 6, 2010, 6:11 am  
11411 Adventure Hill Lane  
Chesterfield, Virginia 23838

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kelly nealis  
January 6, 2010, 7:44 am  
510 river road  
beaver, Pennsylvania 15009

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Internet censorship is well known in countries such as North Korea & even China. Bad enough the govt. has taken over private banks & industries, but to try and take over health care & now the internet is extremely alarming.

Our economy has suffered enough, and our children & grandchildren will have enough debts to burden them due to the socialistic/communistic govt. bailouts. To then further hamper future generations economically is not acceptable. This administration has done far too much damage already, and should get out of the private sector altogether -- including the internet. Soon this administration will be trying to regulate the very air that we breathe! Oh, wait ... that's right ... they already are regulating the air that we breathe!

Please, don't do any more damage to future generations.

David Nealy  
January 6, 2010, 7:45 am  
1532 Warpath Dr  
Kingsport, Tennessee 37664

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sue nebe  
January 6, 2010, 7:52 am  
32574 Oakwood  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334

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J DAVID NEDRESKI  
January 6, 2010, 8:08 am  
4260 LINDEN LN  
SUMTER, South Carolina 29154

PLEASE KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF OUR INTERNET!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Barbara Nelson  
January 6, 2010, 8:09 am  
4469 Hornet Drive  
Prescott, Arizona 86301

As an Americans for Prosperity reader, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Edward Nelson  
January 6, 2010, 8:15 am  
705 Ave Due Fontaiane Bleau  
MAry Esther, Florida 32569

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Lastly, the last thing this country needs is more control over its citizens lives. Last time I checked, this was the USA, not Venezuela. If I wanted the government to run everything, I'd go move in with Chavez.

john Nelson  
January 6, 2010, 8:30 am  
4196 Smoke Signal  
Sebring, Florida 33872

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This is not a Socialist country, and we the American people want to keep it that way. Get Government our o the net.

Teresa Nelson  
January 6, 2010, 8:41 am  
296 Demboski Road  
Iron River, Michigan 49935

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Catherine Nelson-Dittmann  
January 6, 2010, 8:41 am  
2186 Grant Court  
Windom, Minnesota 56101

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It is time for this administration to take its grimy hands out of our private lives.

Rebecca Nesbitt  
January 6, 2010, 9:10 am  
6341 Creekcrest Circle  
Citrus Heights, California 95621

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James Nesler  
January 6, 2010, 9:40 am  
7812 N. Henry Ruff Rd.  
Westland, Michigan 48185

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Keith NeSmith  
January 6, 2010, 9:43 am  
840 Moccasin Creek Rd.  
Clarkesville, Georgia 30523

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It's called freedom of speech. What part of "Congress shall make no law" do you not understand. Amendment 1 to the U.S. Constitution. You swore an oath to defend and protect the constitution.

Joan Neuman  
January 6, 2010, 9:45 am  
562 Rocky Mountain Dr. North  
Effort, Pennsylvania 18330

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Toni Neumann  
January 6, 2010, 10:04 am  
21735 Park Bend  
Katy, Texas 77450

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Damon Neutzling  
January 6, 2010, 10:04 am  
6667 Athol Ave  
Elkridge, Maryland 21075

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Marylou Nicharot  
January 6, 2010, 10:17 am  
10610 Inverness Dr  
10610 Inverness Dr  
Jacksonville, Florida 32257

Let's see, a few years back a federal court case opened up communications via phone service and ever since we have had exorbitant phone bills, extremely high cost telephone sets, etc. How about you keep your hands off any and all forms of communication unless a federal law is broken. Read the constitution and abide by our laws. As an American for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Debbie Nicholas  
January 6, 2010, 10:23 am  
15040 CR 285  
Tyler, Texas 75707

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Dave & Pat Nicolas  
January 6, 2010, 10:35 am  
7602 Peacock Drive  
Huntsville, Alabama 35802

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Linda Nieder  
January 6, 2010, 10:43 am  
4240 valley view rd  
edina, Minnesota 55424

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The internet is a free zone and we don` t need this govt. taking over what little we have left. Stay away from our open forums and places where our voices can still be heard. My God! This country is becoming what the Soviet Union used to be!

Alan Nitikman  
January 6, 2010, 10:44 am  
c/o Extended Stay Deluxe  
19311 NW Cornell Rd, #307  
Hillsboro, Oregon 97124-9010

As an individual American citizen, I am submitting the following comment regarding "the matter of preserving the open Internet." GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The Internet is highly competitive and highly available. There are many providers and all those whose services I have used have maintained a hands-off policy in regard to communications. If a private company blocked or censored Internet traffic it would lose its customers. If government exercised control over the Internet, it would be in violation of free speech, a violation of the First Amendment.

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The Internet would be hobbled to the point at which many would be deprived access to something which is currently working just fine, which is private, and over which the government has no right to exert control. The attempt of the writers of this act intend government control, under government ownership. Indeed, this "public utility" model is the desired outcome of many proponents of regulation, including former White House adviser Susan Crawford and Free Press founder Robert McChesney.

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I strongly oppose this unnecessary action and will make my voice heard in opposition. Leave the internet alone.

Thank you.

gary noah  
January 6, 2010, 10:45 am  
po box 1013  
cedaredge, Colorado 81413

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PS: stay the hell out of our lives!!!

Abigail Nobel  
January 6, 2010, 10:49 am  
2794 1/2 142nd Ave  
Dorr, Michigan 49323

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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James L Noble  
January 6, 2010, 10:50 am  
14890 Big Basin Way  
Boulder Creek, California 95006

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James Noennig  
January 6, 2010, 10:56 am  
Box 825  
Vail, Arizona 85641

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The Internet is highly competitive with a huge number of private companies, including telephone and cable companies, fighting for their niche. I live in Mexico most of the year and depend on the internet for almost everything. In my opinion it is functioning perfectly well and policing itself.

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Michael Nordloh  
January 6, 2010, 11:02 am  
5169 Romohr Rd.  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45244

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Cynthia Norman  
January 6, 2010, 11:04 am  
414 Hollen Road  
Baltimore, Maryland 21212

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

Keep your cotton picking, grubby little hands off the internet. We do not need more government control over aspects of our lives, we need less. The free market system is able to remedy its ills without government intervention.

Donna Norman  
January 6, 2010, 11:09 am  
13570 Forest Lake Dr.  
Largo, Florida 33771

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What has happened to our first Amendment rights? Freedom of speech? Why is it fine to hear and read all the evil one can say against Conservatives, Christians, heterosexuals, but we are to praise and love and respect the opposite? The TV is pure liberalism and Conservatives have only a handful of channels to watch? If you think there is anyone on the Internet that is unbiased, it's a lie. There isn't a person ALIVE that doesn't have biases. We all are entitled to our own biases and WOW we have the CHOICE to read OR NOT READ something on the Internet. NO! Abide by the First Amendment of the US CONSTITUTION and give us FREE SPEECH..... It is tiresome how many people forget about the laws of this land. It is time to stop doing it!!

William Norman  
January 6, 2010, 11:10 am  
34 N. York Gate Ct.  
The Woodlands, Texas 77382

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I would NOT want to happen in the USA what has happened in IRAN, VENEZUELA, and CHINA. The type of tyranny that these governments have exercised could easily be purport rated on the citizenry IF these rules are enacted.

Barry Northcutt  
January 6, 2010, 11:10 am  
3303 Fallston Waco Rd  
Cherryville, North Carolina 28021

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Marian Norwood  
January 6, 2010, 11:13 am  
1201 Terry Dr.  
Bellevue, Nebraska 68123

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Mindi Novasio  
January 6, 2010, 11:24 am  
8403 Kings Cove Dr  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84121

STOP!!! I am so sick of having the government in every aspect of my life! Government is an endless pit of my money, spent foolishly. Stay out of one of the few things we have left... the internet!

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Patricia Noyes  
January 6, 2010, 11:26 am  
9971 N. Colony Drive  
Oro Valley, Arizona 85737

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Renato Nunes  
January 6, 2010, 11:28 am  
8021 Resin Road  
Murrells Inlet, South Carolina 29576

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The Internet is highly competitive and the last bastion of freedom in America. It is a last frontier where real freedom exists!

THE LAST THING I WANT IS MORE GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE UNDER THE EXCUSE OF ENSURING FAIRNESS AND DISCIPLINE.

I KNOW THAT IT WILL END UP IN CENSORSHIP OF FREE SPEECH.  
VERY NEO-MARXIST BUT ANTI-AMERICAN.  
SEND YOUR "TSARS" TO THE SOVIET UNION WHERE THEY BELONG AND KEEP AMERICA FREE.

Sincerely,  
Renato Nunes

Theda Nunn  
January 6, 2010, 11:32 am  
3030 N 14th Street Apt 201  
Phoenix, Arizona 85014

As an American, I wish to comment on the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

I am totally against the government doing anything to limit a free press beyond clamping down on obscenity (which includes graphic violence as well as sexual improprieties). I do not understand why our government has not yet recognized internet bloggers as "the press". Just as our television signals are now routed through cables and satellites, so too our news is conveyed by the internet. I believe that internet bloggers are exercising our constitutional rights of free speech. Let's keep it free and let's keep it clean!

William Nunnery  
January 6, 2010, 11:37 am  
100 Shadow Bend Lane  
Cary, North Carolina 27518

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To adopt "net neutrality" would be a giant step backwards reminiscent of the days when phone service was regulated (Ma Bell), costs were extremely high, service was abominable, alternatives did not exist, and technological progress was virtually non-existent.

Vicki Nuzum  
January 6, 2010, 11:41 am  
112 South 201 Street  
Elkhorn, Nebraska 68022

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PLEASE DO NOT BE DEAF. WE ELECTED YOU IN HOPES FOR FREEDOM NOT MORE LAWS, REGULATIONS & TAXES. PLEASE LISTEN NOW.

Jim Obenschain  
January 6, 2010, 11:50 am  
2542 Greyling Drive  
San Diego, California 92123

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Dennis Oboyle  
January 6, 2010, 12:02 pm  
1411 West Edgerton Avenue  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53221

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Frank OBrien  
January 6, 2010, 12:04 pm  
485 Arricola  
St Augustine, Florida 32080

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It is important to me that you begin to understand that the American people want less government intervention in their lives not more.

Joe O'Dea  
January 6, 2010, 12:10 pm  
1804 Crofton Parkway  
Crofton, Maryland 21114

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Leland Ogren  
January 6, 2010, 12:53 pm  
2505 Sea Robin Rd  
Pensacola, Florida 32526

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To quote an age old axiom, "If it isn't broken, don't try to fix it". To the vast majority of us it certainly isn't broken.

Seana O'Hare  
January 6, 2010, 12:56 pm  
4905 Bangor Drive  
Kensington, Maryland 20895-1213

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**ENOUGH BIG GOVERNMENT! AND ENOUGH GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF PRIVATE INDUSTRIES.**

Dennis O'Leary  
January 6, 2010, 12:57 pm  
2427 Biron St  
Mandeville, Louisiana 70448

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The government has a motto.  
If it's not broke, fix it until it is.

Leave the Internet alone, it's working fine, just the way it is.

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The free market should decide, not the government.

john olesen  
January 6, 2010, 1:00 pm  
11321 edgemere rd  
n/a  
roscoe, Illinois 61073

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guy olsen  
January 6, 2010, 1:01 pm  
25 lilley st.  
manchester, Connecticut 6040

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Janet Olson  
January 6, 2010, 1:14 pm  
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Pickerel, Wisconsin 54465

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Linda O'Neill  
January 6, 2010, 1:29 pm  
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Get out of our lives!

Roger Opiela  
January 6, 2010, 1:35 pm  
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Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin 54235

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Marvin Orr  
January 6, 2010, 1:38 pm  
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165 North 725 West  
Moreland, Idaho 83256-0063

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As a concerned taxpayer and user of the internet I agree with the forgoing prepared comments. Any government venture into so called regulation of the internet would actually be a move for power and control of this vehicle of free speech and expression. Any regulation and/or control of the internet should be looked upon as unconstitutional.

charles osborne  
January 6, 2010, 1:51 pm  
5733 N. Flora Ave.  
Fresno, California 93710

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Michael O'Shaughnessy  
January 6, 2010, 1:51 pm  
91 Valley Dr  
Salem, Connecticut 6420

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Susan Osterhout  
January 6, 2010, 1:52 pm  
1933 Ladybug Lane  
DeLand, Florida 32720

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Nicholas Ostrosky  
January 6, 2010, 2:15 pm  
1428 Lincoln Ct.  
Union, Kentucky 41091

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Jerome Otto  
January 6, 2010, 2:34 pm  
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Candace Owens  
January 6, 2010, 2:38 pm  
910 Lystra Lane  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27517

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William Owens  
January 6, 2010, 2:48 pm  
5 West Hill Place  
Boston, Massachusetts 2114

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Vicky Ozment  
January 6, 2010, 3:04 pm  
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Jacksonville, Florida 322577

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January 6, 2010, 3:31 pm  
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To sum up: LEAVE THE INTERNET ALONE!

ANDREA PALMER  
January 6, 2010, 3:33 pm  
176 WEST PROSPECT AVE APT 9  
PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania 15205

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Andrew Palmer  
January 6, 2010, 3:45 pm  
9852 N., Lewis Ave.  
Kansas City, Missouri 64157

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Leanna Palmer  
January 6, 2010, 3:58 pm  
2563 Black Pine Dr  
Castle Rock, Colorado 80104

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Kerry Palmiter  
January 6, 2010, 4:01 pm  
530 belmont dr  
530 belmont dr  
romeoville, Illinois 60446

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We do not want government control of the internet, the press, the phone company, our medical system or anything else! Government needs to have less of a roll and start listening to the people!!!

jane Panopoulos  
January 6, 2010, 4:11 pm  
7311 Lindley Ave.  
Reseda, California 91335

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Furthermore, the government has no concept of how systems out of their field of expertise work. Please do not touch our private parts... it's rude... and you are not a doctor.

Remy Papp  
January 6, 2010, 4:37 pm  
15 Norman Lane  
Huntington, Connecticut 6484

I am totally opposed to any government interference or take-over effort by any political party or individual having any political agenda. In that spirit I fully underline and agree with the sentiments expressed in the following written comments and urge - no, demand - careful reading and compliance with them.  
RPPapp

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Cat Paradiso  
January 6, 2010, 4:40 pm  
595 S Angus  
Pueblo, Colorado 81007

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Janice Parker  
January 6, 2010, 5:24 pm  
508 Glover St  
Hendersonville, North Carolina 28792

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Judy Parker  
January 6, 2010, 5:31 pm  
19117 E 30th Ter  
Independence, Missouri 64057

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Marlene Parker  
January 6, 2010, 5:34 pm  
1901 N Thompson St  
Conroe, Texas 77301-1241

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January 6, 2010, 5:40 pm  
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Matthew Parmer  
January 6, 2010, 5:41 pm  
292 River Place Dr NW  
Calhoun, Georgia 30701

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Jason Parnell  
January 6, 2010, 5:50 pm  
2151 Cumberland PKWY SE  
Apt 107  
Atlanta, Georgia 30339

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Sue Parnell  
January 6, 2010, 6:00 pm  
121 Perch  
Estes, Texas 78382

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Warren Parr  
January 6, 2010, 6:20 pm  
117 E.bobwhite ln  
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Harker Hgts, Texas 76548

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Lisa Partlow  
January 6, 2010, 6:38 pm  
92 Vosburgh Road  
Mechanicville, New York 12118

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I want to protect my rights to FREEDOM OF SPEECH!!!!

Lisa K Partlow

glen pate  
January 6, 2010, 7:10 pm  
181 Cardinal Lane  
mena, Arkansas 71953

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Joseph Paterick  
January 6, 2010, 7:17 pm  
2552 South Superior Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207

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Donald Paul  
January 6, 2010, 7:37 pm  
112 Highland Circle  
Halifax, Pennsylvania 17032

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Robin Paul  
January 6, 2010, 7:50 pm  
685 N Route 47  
Cape May Court House, New Jersey 8210

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Wes & Tanna Paulson  
January 6, 2010, 8:15 pm  
121 Compound Lp  
Lolo, Montana 59847

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Timothy Pearson  
January 6, 2010, 8:19 pm  
2556 Anderson Dr.  
Belvidere, Illinois 61008

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Russ Pelham  
January 6, 2010, 8:23 pm  
48 Merry Ave  
Duxbury, Missouri 2332

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

Let free market forces reign!!

Traci Pellegrino  
January 6, 2010, 8:51 pm  
13905 Spirit Trail Place NE  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87112

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B. Lee Pemberton  
January 6, 2010, 8:51 pm  
P.O. Box 151  
New Creek, West Virginia 26743

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Not under any circumstances should the FCC regulate any part of the Internet that it is not authorized to regulate at this moment. Government interference has no benefit.

Karen Pennebaker  
January 6, 2010, 8:57 pm  
228 Ivy Run Rd  
Troy, West Virginia 26443

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There is no reason for the federal government to regulate anything on the internet. The free exchange of ideas and information should be considered a natural right. Also, the internet is in use world wide and NO government has the right to control it.

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Al and Ruth Penner  
January 6, 2010, 9:11 pm  
P.O.Box 332  
124 W.Miami  
Edna, Kansas 67342

nd let the freedoms that so many have died for just be pushed away.

Simon Percival  
January 6, 2010, 9:37 pm  
10317 Watch Tower Court  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27614

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Dana Peters  
January 6, 2010, 9:58 pm  
921 Lester Road  
Chatham, Virginia 24531

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Davpd Peters  
January 6, 2010, 10:18 pm  
543 wsherwood ct  
Muskogee, Oklahoma 74403

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Carl Peterson  
January 6, 2010, 10:48 pm  
38254 Row River Road  
Dorena, Oregon 97434

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Donald Peterson  
January 6, 2010, 11:21 pm  
1835 E. Main St  
El Cajon, California 92021

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I would like to see the Internet stay "free". The government doesn't need to get involved in everything that is successful, and mess it up with unnecessary regulation and control.

Helen Peterson  
January 6, 2010, 11:49 pm  
7070 N Farm Road 191  
Fair Grove, Missouri 65648

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Sandra Peterson  
January 7, 2010, 12:39 am  
607 E. 2nd Ave, #2  
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Ellensburg, Washington 98926

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You all think that you are so clever and can pull the wool over everyone's eyes. What you all want is government takeover and control of the internet; just another step towards a "New World Order" or one world government. I am completely against government takeover of the internet or of anything else.

When are you people at the White House going to start serving the "People" (your fellow Americans). Wake up and smell the "dung" you all are creating for our children and grandchildren, etc. Wake up and see the future "chains" you are placing on all of us and our families...including yourselves I might add. Think of all of our fore bearers and what they fought for and how many died to preserve our freedoms. Now, you and others are willing to ignore past history for green paper that will only bring you temporary happiness and security. Oh, to those with no true purpose of heart. Oh, to those with no kind heart. Oh, to those that are only out to look after their own evil tailbone. Greediness is wickedness, and wickedness was never happiness.

I can't say that I am an activist as this Americans for Prosperity" website would like me to be. I am merely a Patriotic, and a "Proud to be an American", citizen of the United States that has some hind site and is seeing this country going down the toilet. A very sad site to see. I am positive that all of those that fought for our freedoms past are turning in their graves.

I am very disappointed in most every single person employed by or has any connection with the plights of those at the White House. I used to have some respect for those that hold office. But respect is something that is earned not instilled by fear or by demand...or by turning our nation into a socialist society.

Shame on all of you and may God send you what you deserve...although in a more kind light I should say...may God have mercy on your souls. Repent ye, repent ye.

What's next...trying to take over our freedom of speech?

Sincerely,  
Concerned Citizen

Sharon Peteson  
January 7, 2010, 12:44 am  
2917 Oaktop Circle  
Greensboro, North Carolina 27410

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To the Point: The government does not need to infringe in any on the internet!

Catherine Petroski  
January 7, 2010, 1:22 am  
3910 Plymouth Road  
Durham, North Carolina 27707

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Charles Petty  
January 7, 2010, 5:54 am  
114 San Saba Dr  
Portland, Texas 78374

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Leave the Internet as it presently is. No government restrictions and not government subsidies.

Let the free market produce the results that competition brings. Many years of government involvement in our way of life have tragically proven most government run programs and organizations are failures, even if they continue to operate simply because the taxpayer has to prop them up.

Barbara Pezzuto  
January 7, 2010, 7:20 am  
518 Monmouth Ave  
Linden, New Jersey 7036

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mary phannenstill  
January 7, 2010, 7:28 am  
8009 County Line Rd.  
Racine, Wisconsin 53402

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Keep government hands off the Internet. We are a free society. We are a representative democracy. NO to government interference, regulation, intrusion in the Internet!!!

Bob Philbeck  
January 7, 2010, 8:08 am  
2712 Cambridge Road  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27608

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Jim & Luana Phillips  
January 7, 2010, 8:13 am  
6169 Tabor Church Road  
Fayetteville, North Carolina 28312-7267

As a consumer and voter in America, I have seen what well meaning Gov. officials have done in trying to regulate communications. In an effort to be helpful the free and easy communication becomes a tangled mess of rules and regulations that stops innovation and communication.

Please allow the internet to be free and self regulating. Bad places and bad people will be found out and black-listed and good ones promoted. For some people in the world, the internet is the only "free" place they have to tell their story and read about freedom.

We agree with the following message written by people smarter than us and we are willing to discuss or defend our position with anyone. Thanks,JLP

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Judy Phillips  
January 7, 2010, 8:15 am  
444 County Road 569  
Kirbyville, Texas 75956

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Tara Phillips  
January 7, 2010, 8:16 am  
318 Euclid Ave  
Lynchburg, Virginia 24501

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Thank You  
Tara M. Phillips

Tracey Phillips  
January 7, 2010, 8:27 am  
405 East Bay Ave  
Kingsland, Georgia 31548

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Richard Picard  
January 7, 2010, 8:52 am  
11 Hollyberry Lane  
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina 29928

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Richard Picard

Chat Picken  
January 7, 2010, 10:01 am  
6300 Rea Rd  
Dundee, Michigan 48131

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KittyJo Pierce  
January 7, 2010, 10:30 am  
126 S Highland Ave  
Bucyrus, Ohio 44820

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Virginia A Pierce-Mejia  
January 7, 2010, 10:50 am  
12259 Laurel Glade Court  
Apt. 202  
Reston, Virginia 20191

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In the absence of \*concrete\* necessity, the Internet should be as it presently is; for the people -- not the government. You are not needed and you are not wanted.

Leave Americans in peace with the Internet that we prefer. Thank you.

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January 7, 2010, 10:58 am

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Henry Pillow  
January 7, 2010, 10:59 am  
118 Jackson treet  
Edenton, North Carolina 27932

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Ernest Pino  
January 7, 2010, 11:14 am  
8149 Bayberry Court  
Manassas, Virginia 20110

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The Internet "as is" works well - worldwide - and ANY interference by the US Government will (and should) bring loud complaints from other countries that would be affected by such US government actions. Leave it be!

John Pinto  
January 7, 2010, 12:04 pm  
609 N. Westfield Rd.  
Madison, Wisconsin 53717

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Please leave us alone and get the government out of our lives. We do not need any more regulation of the internet, especially in the way you are proposing. Please leave us alone to make our own decisions.

Brenda Pirrera  
January 7, 2010, 12:13 pm  
4332 Creek Dr.  
Springfield, Illinois 62711

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Once again, there is no good reason for the government to intervene or try to take over this aspect of our lives also. Too much already!!

Anthony Piscatella, Jr.  
January 7, 2010, 12:17 pm  
203 Hunt Club Drive  
Summerville, South Carolina 29485

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In addition to the above comments, I view any action by the federal government to control or regulate the internet as an infringement on my First Amendment rights under the Constitution of the United States.

Andrew Plaice  
January 7, 2010, 12:17 pm  
1624 S Marblehead Road  
Lewisville, North Carolina 27023

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Henry Platt  
January 7, 2010, 12:18 pm  
524 Hwy 234,  
Lockesburg, Arkansas 71846

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Becky Plowman  
January 7, 2010, 1:02 pm  
3225 N Cedar St  
Lansing, Michigan 48906

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Pat Plowman  
January 7, 2010, 1:15 pm  
PO Box 173  
Boyd, Montana 59013

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E Plye  
January 7, 2010, 1:16 pm  
444 East St  
Hinsdale, IL, Indiana 60521

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Susan Podiak  
January 7, 2010, 1:35 pm  
761 River Rd  
Chatham, New Jersey 7928

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Harry Poland  
January 7, 2010, 1:51 pm  
190 Steeplechase Ln.  
Mocksville, North Carolina 27028

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ANOTHER POLITICAL GRAB! This time it is free speech.

JERRY POLLARD  
January 7, 2010, 2:01 pm  
7260 E VALCO DR  
AMMON, Idaho 83401

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Thomas Pope  
January 7, 2010, 2:22 pm  
28084 Weddel Ave  
Brownstown, Michigan 48183

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Leave the internet the way it is. If the left is happy, debate it in open foremat, not behind closed locked doors!!!!!!

THOMAS JAMES POPE SR

Pamela Poppa  
January 7, 2010, 2:57 pm  
31878 Del Obispo ste 118 #338  
San Juan Capistrano, California 92675

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Earle Porche  
January 7, 2010, 2:57 pm  
5112 Haring Court  
Metairie, Louisiana 70006

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Clifford Potter  
January 7, 2010, 3:15 pm  
2054 Wildcat Road  
Sparta, Tennessee 38583

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p.s. AMAN Clifford Potter Thank-you

Sarah Potter  
January 7, 2010, 3:30 pm  
2480 Wilson St.  
Hillsdale, Michigan 49242

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Jim Potts  
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Ben Powell  
January 7, 2010, 3:34 pm  
PO Box 91  
Bellaire, Michigan 49615

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I stand absolutely opposed to all schemes, both commercial and governmental, to interfere with the free exchange of fact and opinion.

The First Amendment applies as well to the internet as it does to other forms of communication.

As both a creator and consumer of blog content, I want to see the bytes keep flowing smoothly, without gatekeepers censoring content delivery.

Jennifer Pozun  
January 7, 2010, 3:36 pm  
33109 SE Kent Kangley Rd  
Ravensdale, Washington 98051

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Stop trying to regulate every aspect of our lives. Private business, aka capitalism, is the way of America and a big part of our success as a nation. Look at the US post office, which is run by none other than our government, which wouldn't even exist if it weren't for our paychecks supporting you. The P.O. is billions in debt, go figure. Who's running it, oh yea, the US government. Easily 1/2 our measly paycheck goes to federal taxes, sales taxes, property taxes, etal.

So much of what this government does is a huge waste! Quit trying to control the media with your 'net neutrality' and don't waste our money on Your version of what the internet ought to be. It is not a monopoly, it is competitive and should remain that way. When a business gives great customer service it usually succeeds.

When a talk show host or games show host or auto show or physical wellnes host are successful, it's because they have talent and engage the audience, they've earned their right to be heard.

Neutrality doesn't exist in the real world. Some work til their skin and bones and can barely put food on the table and keep up with the mortgage, others sit on their .....chairs all day drinking coffee and talking it up with co workers and dine in fancy restaurants making more money than they know how to wisely spend. Life is not fair, it never will be. Quit trying to fix things.

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Such a transformation of the Internet into a government-controlled public utility is a major policy change that should be debated in Congress, the legitimately elected legislative branch of government. When you try to fix what isn't broke you end up with unnecessary expense, wasted time and energy, and frustration to all of us.

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George Pratt  
January 7, 2010, 3:51 pm  
PO Box 447  
Hernando, Florida 34442

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Brent price  
January 7, 2010, 3:55 pm  
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colo. springs, Colorado 80909

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As a small business I depend on the internet to bring customers to my site. We can't afford gov't to ruin a profitable business model and then use more tax payer \$ to subsidize it the same way you are doing with our health care. Why is the European model better with their slow growth rate and huge bureaucracy?

George Price  
January 7, 2010, 4:17 pm  
102 Lannys Lane  
Mountain Home, Arkansas 72653

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Ralph Prickett  
January 7, 2010, 4:41 pm  
236 Holly Drive  
Spartanburg, South Carolina 29301

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

Hands off the Internet!

We dont need censorship, which is all this is about!

Hands off the AM Broadcast band too!

Respectfully,

Ralph Prickett

Carol Printz, M.S.W.  
January 7, 2010, 5:01 pm  
19355 Cypress Ridge Terr, #709  
Leesburg, Virginia 20176

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Judy Proctor  
January 7, 2010, 5:29 pm  
7604 S. Fallen Rock Road  
Brazil, Indiana 47834

In RE: GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

I am deeply opposed to government control of the internet. This is not China. I believe the purpose of government control is to gain more power over the information available to the people, as they do in China. It totally destroys the whole concept of freedom of speech and freedom of information.

This is totally against the US Constitution. If you do this, I will support a lawsuit to stop you.

James Przyborowski  
January 7, 2010, 5:44 pm  
59 Marshall Road  
Hillsborough, New Jersey 8844

As an Americans for Prosperity supporter, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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We don't need net "neutrality"... we need net "FREEDOM". We are against government interference of ANY sort as it will only serve to impinge upon the First Amendment rights of Americans.

Shirley A Przywara  
January 7, 2010, 5:45 pm  
243 Hoffman Avenue, Apt 301  
Windber, Pennsylvania 15963

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Finally, the government has interfered with schools, social security, health concerns, etc. When is someone going to wake up and get rid of the culprits trying to pass this nonsense and stay out of the citizens' business -- ship immigrants back to their own countries -- why should they get social security when they have paid nothing into it? Wake up AMERICA -- MY COUNTRY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

psuiwfg psuiwfg

January 7, 2010, 5:50 pm

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Tony Puentes  
January 7, 2010, 5:54 pm  
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Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33315

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Leave the internet alone.

Jo Puntill-Sheltman  
January 7, 2010, 6:03 pm  
P.O. Box 461256  
Leeds, Utah 84746

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Lois Purrington  
January 7, 2010, 6:17 pm  
46 Mountain Street  
Whitehall, New York 12887

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No more FEDS KEEP YOUR HAND OFF MY INTERNET

Wallace Putnam  
January 7, 2010, 6:35 pm  
4106A Arnold St. NE  
Keizer, Oregon 97303

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In addition, I firmly believe that the FCC is attempting to exercise powers and control that are not granted to it by either the Congress or by any extension of the Constitution, and that any attempt to control the Internet via the so-called "net neutrality" are a direct contravention of the First Amendment. In addition, I firmly believe that, because of actions like this, it is high time to challenge the Constitutionality of the very existence FCC, and/or put very, very strict limitations on it's authority or ability to restrict or control the open exchange of ideas and information over the Internet. Such Government interference is directly opposed to both the General Commerce clause, as well as the entire concept of "General Welfare", and must be opposed in court, if necessary.

armando quincoses  
January 7, 2010, 7:23 pm  
3901 crest rd  
weatherford, Texas 76087

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January 7, 2010, 7:33 pm  
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Stop destroying the freedoms of the USA.

Theodore Radamaker  
January 7, 2010, 7:44 pm  
3837 Shelter Grove Drive  
Claremont, California 91711

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Mary Rafter  
January 7, 2010, 7:45 pm  
12230 NW 71st Street  
Parkland, Florida 33076

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pat rains  
January 7, 2010, 7:55 pm  
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I think it's highly unlikely the Government will have any control over the internet, as every person who uses internet will fight this and it will fail.

Jamie Rake  
January 7, 2010, 8:16 pm  
P.O. Box 29  
Waupun, Wisconsin 53963

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Patricia Ramsey  
January 7, 2010, 8:24 pm  
407 West Monroe  
Auburn, IL, Illinois 62615

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I would like for the government to stay completely out of our lives. There is not one thing they are in control of that they do correctly.

Adam Randlett  
January 7, 2010, 8:41 pm  
22595 Uintah Rd  
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Cedaredge, Colorado 81413

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January 7, 2010, 8:52 pm  
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Larry Rapchak  
January 7, 2010, 8:56 pm  
2540 Birch Ave  
Whiting, Indiana 46394

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Jonathan Rash  
January 7, 2010, 9:30 pm  
17937 E Pacific Pl  
Aurora, Colorado 80013

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Regards,

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Joanne Rasmussen  
January 7, 2010, 10:06 pm  
13603 E. Mich Ave  
Clinton, Michigan 49236

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William Rasmussen  
January 7, 2010, 10:18 pm  
4006 W. Maple Street  
Springfield, Missouri 65802

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Sincerely,

William C. Rasmussen, III

James Rathbone  
January 7, 2010, 10:27 pm  
940 NE Raven Ct.  
Bend, Oregon 97701-8816

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This sounds very much like a communist takeover of the liberties of the USA people and the same goes for the labor union card carriers. Divide, Control and Conquer.

michael ratican  
January 7, 2010, 11:08 pm  
851 W 500 S  
Peru, Indiana 46970

Concerning GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

I am completely opposed to any action on the part of the commission, or any other government entity, where the internet is concerned.

No government agency, especially the FCC, should be involved in further control or regulation of the internet. I see no authority authorizing such an action granted in any portion of the U S Constitution, or other such documents, where control of citizens lives or freedoms are concerned.

As it stands, the FCC, Congress, and every government agency allows telecom companies to provide whatever service level they choose, at whatever price they choose, and if a customer has an issue, NOTHING will be done. The entire system is skewed toward these companies, and the government, so long as the telecoms continue to make "contributions" to elected officials.

In reading the NPRM, I note many areas where words such as "harm", "harmful" are used. It is ridiculous to assume that the FCC - let alone the telecom companies - should be allowed to dictate what is harmful regarding traffic and/or congestion.

As the owner of an ecommerce business, I do not trust, nor should I given the track record of the FCC and/or Congress, to provide my business with access. At every opportunity the government has refused to enforce telecom law on the telecom companies - in favor of the monies it receives from those companies. This is not a coincidence.

I have watched the government provide billions to telecom companies with a deadline - this too was under the excuse of "management" and "parody" to provide broadband access to most citizens.

It hasn't happened. And when Congress was to enforce the deadline after providing billions in tax breaks and actual funds to develop the technology - they let their friends off the hook.

The result has been a disaster. It is now 2010, and many areas have no broadband access. Those rural areas that do typically pay as much as 10x more for the service, and it's inferior to what the cities enjoy.

The government just provided hundreds of billions MORE in money to these same companies - and for what? Now they can't handle congestion.

Again - this is nothing more than a veiled attempted to initially allow telecoms to control traffic and access to the internet - and once they see profits deteriorate, the good ol' FCC will be there to help! - NO THANKS.

As a licensed amateur radio operator, I've watched the FCC carve up the spectrum like a roast for over 20 years - and every time it has, it's under the excuse of management. In fact, it's been a money making venture for the FCC, and government, with the FCC acting as "auctioneer" for portions of the spectrum.

My answer to this takeover and further control by the U S Federal Government of the internet is Hell No.

I agree with the comments included below which is a form email being sent by members of Americans for Prosperity. Please review the comments.

Sincerely,  
Michael Ratican  
Peru, IN.

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Robert Ratner  
January 7, 2010, 11:39 pm  
16 Longell Drive  
Wayne, New Jersey 7470

Net neutrality is abhorrent to proponents of free speech. Let the public decide what we want on the internet. Maybe we don't want neutrality. That is our prerogative.

Also, prioritizing net traffic based upon some arbitrary government rule instead of individual business decisions promotes waste and inefficiency and discourages innovation.

Please, do not regulate the internet. You regulated power companies, cable companies, the railroads and where did it get you. None of these industries are as advanced as they could be.

Ronald Ray  
January 8, 2010, 12:04 am  
P.O. Box 152  
Maple Hill, Kansas 66507-0152

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Randall readinger  
January 8, 2010, 1:13 am  
2604 Locust Road  
Ft. Scott, Kansas 66701

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The American people do not want an government-controlled internet and media like they have in China and Venezuela.

Rosanne Reddin  
January 8, 2010, 1:19 am  
2812 King Rook Court  
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185

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Mark and Karen Reed  
January 8, 2010, 6:47 am  
1875 Troy Lane North  
Plymouth, Minnesota 55447

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mike reed  
January 8, 2010, 9:46 am  
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COVINGTON, Ohio 45318

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Peter Reenstra  
January 8, 2010, 9:55 am  
Taylor Road  
Colchester, Connecticut 6415

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And furthermore, altho there is no defender I can see in the Obama White House, this is a clear violation of Constitutional constraints placed on the Federal Government! this is a violation of 1st Amendment rights, and a fair court - one believing in the defense of the Constitution - would agree that FedGuv has no legitimate place in this issue.

Susan Regan  
January 8, 2010, 10:22 am  
30733 Links Court  
Temecula, California 92591

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Sincerely,  
Susan Regan

Fred Regina  
January 8, 2010, 11:59 am  
6660 17th Street N  
St Petersburg, Florida 33702

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P.S.. . .We must put America and Americans first !

Trey Reginelli  
January 8, 2010, 12:09 pm  
1306 Baronets Trl  
Austin, Texas 78753

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Debbie Rennie  
January 8, 2010, 2:03 pm  
209 Birch Dr  
Kyle, Texas 78640

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Please, LEAVE THE INTERNET ALONE!

Kenneth Renouard  
January 8, 2010, 2:30 pm  
242 Willow rd NW  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107

I have read and agree with the below. There needs to be some source of free speech left to Americans. the internet is free and the individual is free to read or not read as they see fit. The internet does not represent any one entity. I fear the us government far more than any efforts of terror. no one in the federal government or any other government is wise enough to comment on the content it holds. if commerce is against the individual we can deny our support to commerce. If we disagree with the government we stand a chance of arrest. Don't you young arabs of power try to teach your elders how to suck eggs. if the government does anything it is assured citizens will suffer

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John Renzullo  
January 8, 2010, 2:35 pm  
P.O. Box 162  
Dracut, Massachusetts 1826

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Stephen Replogle  
January 8, 2010, 2:45 pm  
8300 Shannon Way  
Yuma, Arizona 85365

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John Revelle  
January 8, 2010, 2:57 pm  
956 Crescent Lake Rd  
Golden, Colorado 80403

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annette rey  
January 8, 2010, 3:05 pm  
1007 paula drive  
arnold, Missouri 63010

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Where will government intervention stop?

Sincerely,  
Annette Rey

Daniel Reyneveld  
January 8, 2010, 3:06 pm  
2999 Terraza Place  
Fullerton, California 92835

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Allison Reynolds  
January 8, 2010, 3:12 pm  
1028 E. Navajo St.  
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

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It is unfortunate but true that governmental regulation of industries does not benefit industries or consumers but increases bureaucracy and costs. In this economy, the last thing this nation needs is more government intrusion in business and life, and more government spending on what should be a last bastion of freedom.

Steve Reynolds  
January 8, 2010, 3:23 pm  
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Broomfield, Colorado 80020

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Fran Rhodes  
January 8, 2010, 3:48 pm  
10613 Elmhurst Lane  
Keller, Texas 76244

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James Rhodes  
January 8, 2010, 4:18 pm  
1414 Gracewood Drive  
Greensboro, North Carolina 27408-5330

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In short, this is invading my privacy and I DEMAND my constitutional rights!!! The federal government MUST keep its nose out of my private business.

Kevin Rice  
January 8, 2010, 4:58 pm  
PO BOX 14107  
SAN LUIS OBISPO, California 93406-4107

OPPOSE: GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

Government regulation of the Internet will interfere with the continuing evolution and freedom of the digital age. Keep government out of just one thing, please!

Net neutrality cannot be achieved by government as the mere monitoring and regulation of any activity is not neutral. Neutrality and an "Open Internet" will only be attained by free will and public and market pressure.

As an IT professional and user of the Internet I am opposed to government intrusion and demands. The Internet should be free from government force majeure.

Please oppose this proposal!

Kevin P. Rice  
San Luis Obispo CA  
(805) 602-2616

Vernon Rice  
January 8, 2010, 6:41 pm  
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Salem, Oregon 97301

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The internet comes under the Constitution and the Bill of Rights as far as freedom of speech and every thing else that goes with that. We all know the government can't even run it's own house let alone adding another house to their list. To me and many, many people I communicate with, it looks like just more government takeover for more power. Leave well enough alone. It has worked just fine without your interfearence, so let it be. It is working just fine and we do not need the government trying to control it and MUCK it up for the millions of users. Just leave it alone please. Thank you

Vernon Rice

Pamela Rich  
January 8, 2010, 8:35 pm  
3790 jFlat Top Lane  
Danville, Indiana 46122

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Michael Richardson  
January 8, 2010, 8:36 pm  
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Sandpoint, Idaho 83864

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JAck Rickett  
January 8, 2010, 9:28 pm  
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Orange, Virginia 22960

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Leave my communication network alone you socialist bastards

Richard Riddle  
January 8, 2010, 9:28 pm  
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Brooklyn Park, Minnesota 55443

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As a result I am vehemently opposed to the “open internet” rules proposed. To replace the current environment and its competing forces with what will ultimately become a centralized government run utility runs counter to the principles that this country was founded on. Instead of preserving our freedom of speech and choice these regulations will put the government in charge of controlling this important communication tool which invites suppression of free speech at a the whim of the unelected bureaucrat’s. Having traveled to the country of Oman recently I have had a personal experience with a government controlled internet and it was startling compared to our open infrastructure. One needs only to look at China and Venezuela to appreciate the danger in allowing a government to have control of this important communication medium.

Jeffrey Riedl  
January 8, 2010, 9:52 pm  
408 Appleton St.  
Menasha, Wisconsin 54952

I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The Constitution of the United States, the document which each government official swears to uphold and defend, clearly states that we have been endowed by our creator with the unalienable rights of freedom of speech, and freedom to assemble. The internet provides a modern-day vehicle for these rights to be exercised.

There are unquestionably mis-uses of the internet, and there are without a doubt, uses that every online participant deems undesirable - but it is ultimately a good thing and we can take care of ourselves just fine thank you.

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Michael Riemann  
January 8, 2010, 11:14 pm  
5536 Odum Smallwood Rd.  
Gainesville, Georgia 30506

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The internet is a forum where freedom of speech, one of our basic freedoms, is still possible.

I strongly urge you to not abridge this precious freedom through any act, however intentioned, that will place this medium under further constraint and control.

In the long run the erosion of freedom will harm all citizens, even those who perpetrates those unwise changes.

MJR

Kathy Riemer  
January 8, 2010, 11:15 pm  
476 Sheridan Rd  
Evanston, Illinois 60202

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Tony Rigby  
January 8, 2010, 11:21 pm  
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Pamela Rigg  
January 9, 2010, 3:06 am  
11590 W Purdue Ave  
Youngtown, Arizona 85363

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Let the free market do it's thing. We want to be a democratic society. This is what they do in a socialist country. Leave us alone!!!!!!

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scott riley  
January 9, 2010, 8:08 am  
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haddonfield, New Jersey 8033

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Daniel Rinehart  
January 9, 2010, 8:47 am  
578 Rogers Ct.  
Adrian, Michigan 49221

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The Government needs to DOWNSIZE, not grow. The Internet works fine the way it is, there is NO need for things to change!!!

Jeanette Rinke  
January 9, 2010, 9:43 am  
416-4 Harrison Street  
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54937

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Mary Anne Ripple  
January 9, 2010, 10:14 am  
grankonloverslane@hotmail.com  
MadisonWI, Wisconsin 53711

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I do not favor the government takeover of the internet.  
Please leave this private business alone.

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Robert Rixford  
January 9, 2010, 10:14 am  
8725 Isola Dr  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89117

I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

I believe Government control of the Internet is just one more area that the current Administration is determined to put under government control.

I still have not been able to find anywhere in the Constitution where that power has been given to any branch of the government.

I have a hard time distinguishing how this effort is different, in any substantive way, from the government attempting to regulate the content of newspapers, magazines, periodicals, or newsletters.

The Internet is highly competitive; both with regard to the 'Providers' and content. If a website or Forum contains material that not enough people care about, or agree with, the marketplace will determine who survives, and who doesn't. That's as it should be - not decided by some Czar chosen for how well his or her ideas fall in line with the 'Power that be.'

Once the government exercises control over the Internet (or, anything else, for that matter), there is virtually no way to wrest control away from them. One notch at a time, we are ratcheted into a Socialist State.

From a more practical viewpoint, and to get away from my vehement opposition to the government thinking they (it) can run anything better than the free market system, let me express more pertinent concerns.

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MK Roach  
January 9, 2010, 11:59 am  
2597 Lithia Road  
Buchanan, Virginia 24066

As an American activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

At the present time the Internet is highly competitive and has been so for the past decade. Traditional “phone” and traditional “cable” companies have been locked in an intense struggle to win customers, and wireless is rapidly becoming another viable alternative to wired broadband connections. If a private company blocked or censored Internet traffic maliciously it would lose its customers; For the US Government to do so would be an unconstitutional interference with the right to free speech. See Google's struggle with China's governmental censorship for an example.

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I oppose the transformation of the Internet into a government-controlled public utility; this is a major policy change that should be debated in Congress, the legitimately elected legislative branch of government. The Commission should not on its own set into motion regulatory changes that will force us down this path.

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Barbara Robbins  
January 9, 2010, 12:24 pm  
10 N 7th Ave,  
PO Box 13  
Iron River, Michigan 49935-0013

As an Independent Business Owner who is deaf, I function and pay taxes to support Michigan and the federal Government only BECAUSE OF and WITH the Internet options available to me NOW, as a productive individual who helps other Independent Business Owners create taxpaying enterprises, as well.

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Thank you.

Barbara Robbins  
January 9, 2010, 12:44 pm  
10 N 7th Ave PO Box 13  
Iron River, Michigan 499350013

In 1949, this family's sixth consecutive generation of American entrepreneurs opened a quality-guaranteed typing service to individual medical researchers. Now internet-based, experience in independent business, respected military, and compassionate volunteer leadership continues, while our family's eighth generation serves also in employee positions.

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Ron Roberds  
January 9, 2010, 1:32 pm  
9077 Wasatch Bl.  
Sandy, Utah 84093

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Brenda Roberts  
January 9, 2010, 1:44 pm  
1712 West Swallow Road  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80526

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I never thought I'd live to see the day when, in America, freedom of speech and open debate of ideas would be brought to a stop. This is not the American way.

J P Roberts  
January 9, 2010, 1:49 pm  
12529 Flora Dr  
Missoula, Montana 59804

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mike roberts  
January 9, 2010, 3:02 pm  
17732 black bass dr  
Conroe, Texas 77384

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The Federal government has a job to do and controlling the internet is not part of that job ! WASHINGTON SHOULD STAY OUT OF OUR LIVES !

Charley Robertson  
January 9, 2010, 6:24 pm  
2664 Choctaw Trail  
Marianna, Florida 32446

As an American for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

My comment is: Good grief!! everything that the goverment has got involved with is screwed up. Now you want to destroy the internet? Please leave the internet alone, you have done enough damage already.

cory robertson  
January 9, 2010, 7:13 pm  
7 joyce  
addison, Illinois 60101

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Brian Robichaud  
January 9, 2010, 7:17 pm  
2815 Walsh  
Rochester Hills, Michigan 48309

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DOOM ON YOU MARXIST FED !!

BRIAN ROBICHAUD

James Robinson  
January 9, 2010, 8:25 pm  
411 North 21st Street  
Springfield, Michigan 49015-1501

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Lawrence Robinson  
January 9, 2010, 8:43 pm  
13 Norwood Place  
Boise, Idaho 83716

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Ralph Robinson  
January 10, 2010, 4:07 am  
128 Windsor Road  
Alburtis, Pennsylvania 18011

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Ralph Robinson

Breanne Rochester  
January 10, 2010, 6:59 am  
Rt. 3 Box 46  
Hamilton, Texas 76531

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bernard rodefer  
January 10, 2010, 7:15 am  
25229 Oriole Avn  
Ontario, Wisconsin 54651

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Adam Roder  
January 10, 2010, 7:20 am  
3302 Evergreen Rd  
Fargo, North Dakota 58102

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Gifford Rodine  
January 10, 2010, 9:00 am  
922 Loma Vista St.  
El Segundo, California 90245

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I agree, Gifford Rodine

Mary Roe  
January 10, 2010, 9:03 am  
1367 E. Cody-Estey  
Pinconning, Michigan 48650

I am opposed to the attempt of the FCC and the Obama Administration to regulate the free flow of information on the internet. Nowhere in the US Constitution is the government given any authority to control or regulate free speech, free enterprise or free information exchange. Government takeover of the internet would cripple our free enterprise system and would make America less free. It would disconnect Americans and hurt American businesses that depend on the internet. I urge you to support a truly open, free internet that is competitive and privately owned without the restrictions of the government. The job of the government is to preserve that freedom, not destroy it.

Sue Roe  
January 10, 2010, 10:51 am  
3990 N Berkshire lane  
Martinsville, Indiana 46151

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John Roebing  
January 10, 2010, 11:32 am  
622 Prospect St  
Weston, Missouri 64098

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Gary Roen  
January 10, 2010, 1:22 pm  
P.O. Box 243  
Twin Lake, Michigan 49457

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Mike Rogers  
January 10, 2010, 1:50 pm  
76 ow Rd  
Hollis, New Hampshire 3049

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Personal comments...

Networks that don't work: Amtrak, Post Office.

Networks that work: The Internet, Cellular services.

Guess which were frozen in time and space by the government?

In the same years that the alarmists have been crying that they needed "Net Neutrality" or similar regulations, the range of services and speeds available to the public has increased exponentially, even as prices fell. My personal internet service has quintupled in speed for less money, and the reliability (as evidenced by the quality of VoIP calls over the broadband connection) has improved. Meanwhile, DSL and satellite services, not to mention 3G cellular, aggressively compete to take my business away from the cable company, who wouldn't be so stupid as to mess with my traffic.

More and constantly changing regulations = less innovation.

Bah, Humbug!

Please do not regulate Internet traffic - Keep It Simple, Stupid!

John Rohrer  
January 10, 2010, 2:49 pm  
3216 Sykesville Rd.  
Westminster, Maryland 21157

Stop your facist power-grab!!!!!!!

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Lise Rollert  
January 10, 2010, 7:18 pm  
1614 26th Street  
Ogden, Utah 84401

As a concerned citizen and a proponent of free market economics, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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This intervention is an anathema upon any robust economic activity and unwarranted. How is such control even pertinent in our form of government?

Craig Rollins  
January 10, 2010, 7:55 pm  
2402 N Washougal River Road  
Washougal, Washington 98671

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I urge you to not act on any legislation to restrict the internet as a 'free-market' tool.

Sincerely,  
Craig Rollins

Clive Romney  
January 10, 2010, 8:22 pm  
1258 W. Pitchfork Road  
Murray, Utah 84123

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Donald Rose  
January 11, 2010, 8:49 am  
1024 Tideline Drive  
Leland, North Carolina 28451

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Louis Rose  
January 11, 2010, 10:51 am  
6753 Orkney Road  
Jacksonville, Florida 32211

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Government is by its very nature incompetent to manage entrepreneurial endeavors.

Leave the internet alone. It is a free market and is working just fine.

We don't want another set of taxes imposed.

Stop

Let the market decide who will be successful and who will fail.

Do not screw up a system that works so well.

Chris Rosenau  
January 11, 2010, 10:59 am  
P.O. Box 478  
Lolo, Montana 59847

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Charles Ross  
January 11, 2010, 11:17 am  
1076 Sycamore Dr.  
Millbrae, California 94030

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Government, keep your hands off the internet

David Ross  
January 11, 2010, 11:25 am  
14925 Gleneagle Drive  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80921

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Debra Ross  
January 11, 2010, 12:15 pm  
394 Penfield Road  
Rochester, New York 14625

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Lou Rotolo  
January 11, 2010, 1:14 pm  
32 Miko Rd  
Edison, New Jersey 8817

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James Roundtree  
January 11, 2010, 1:22 pm  
8220 Old Gay Hill Rd  
Brenham, Texas 77833-8830

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Judy Rountree  
January 11, 2010, 1:32 pm  
400 Fort Hill Dr  
Blounts Creek, North Carolina 27814

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The Iran government tried to do this to their citizens and now the Iran people is in the process of over throwing it's radical government. Let's not make the same mistake here in the US.

k rountree  
January 11, 2010, 2:18 pm  
75 brookview lane  
Valparaiso, Indiana 46385

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Furthermore, as a voter and tax payer, I am extremely uncomfortable with the idea of our government continuing to find new ways to get involved in our professional and private lives.

Ann Roush  
January 11, 2010, 3:03 pm  
4315 Greenbrier Farm Rd.  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27106

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Barbara Rowland  
January 11, 2010, 3:04 pm  
6715 E malverne St  
Inverness, Florida 34452

Leave the internet ALONE. The government already is in too much of our business. You ruin everything you touch. Leave us alone.

Barbara Royer  
January 11, 2010, 3:16 pm  
2700 Hampton Park Drive  
Marietta, Georgia 30062

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The U. S. Federal government should stay out of American and international business and personal affairs.

Jennifer Ruble  
January 11, 2010, 3:20 pm  
128 St. Ives Court  
Clayton, North Carolina 27520

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Russell M Ruch  
January 11, 2010, 5:22 pm  
459 Butler Ave  
Hatfield, Pennsylvania 19440

A free avenue for expressions by individual citizens is an essential characteristic of strong democracies. Do nothing to close this open opportunity of expression. Keep the Internet unregulated and open to individuals.

Robert Ruh Jr.  
January 11, 2010, 5:36 pm  
278 Wedgewood Court  
Westerville, Ohio 43082

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RONALD & NANCY RUHL  
January 11, 2010, 5:53 pm  
1866 SALLY CREEK CIRCLE  
HAYWARD, California 94541

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Louis Rulon  
January 11, 2010, 6:39 pm  
5654 E. Forest st.  
APACHE JUNCTION, Arizona 85219

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LOUIS H. RULON

Mary Rumph  
January 11, 2010, 6:51 pm  
325 Asbury Circle  
Enid, Oklahoma 73703

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Sincerely,  
Mary Rumph

Laurence Rusiecki  
January 11, 2010, 6:52 pm  
120 Ruby Drive  
Egg Harbor Twp, New Jersey 8234

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Joseph Russek  
January 11, 2010, 7:48 pm  
4200 Highwood Rd  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20906

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H R Russell  
January 11, 2010, 8:41 pm  
8752 Meriwether Trail  
Grady, Alabama 360236

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I'll make it really simple. Keep government hands off. If government gets involved, government will screw it up.

Respectfully, Russell

Mark Ryalls  
January 11, 2010, 9:27 pm  
4350 Williams Rd.  
Lewisville, North Carolina 27023

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I am against the government taking over "one" more facet of our freedoms. Just butt out!

michael Ryan  
January 11, 2010, 11:26 pm  
13725 se 177th ave  
Damascus, Oregon 97089

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I didn't serve my country to preserve our freedoms just to have them seized from within.

Robert Rynes  
January 12, 2010, 1:05 am  
5046 Whitemarsh Rd  
Rosedale, Maryland 21237

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Rosalie Sabatino  
January 12, 2010, 7:25 am  
36 Pitman Place  
Wayne, New Jersey 7470

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This exhibits governments arrogance at the expense of America's business owners and the American people. Our liberties and freedoms are being chiseled away but make no mistake we do know what you are doing and we will continue to fight back.

JAMES SADLON  
January 12, 2010, 10:20 am  
5150 FARMINGTON CLOSE  
ROCKFORD, Illinois 61114

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Ellen Sadovy  
January 12, 2010, 10:22 am  
8601 Mangum Dairy Road  
Wake Forest, North Carolina 27587

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Jack Saint  
January 12, 2010, 10:28 am  
98 Rainbow Drive  
Dadeville, Alabama 36853

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kenneth salvo  
January 12, 2010, 2:04 pm  
15 orchard place  
basking ridge, New Jersey 7920

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Thanks for reading this and please put an end to talk of this regulation.  
Kenneth Salvo

Dr. Ronald Samec  
January 12, 2010, 3:41 pm  
29 Shore Drive  
Greenville, South Carolina 28611

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Ron Samec

Gregory Sanders  
January 12, 2010, 4:01 pm  
524 N Locust St  
Greenville, Illinois 62246

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RJ Sanderson  
January 12, 2010, 4:17 pm  
329 w 24  
Hays, Kansas 67601

"I will take a backseat to no one in my commitment to Net Neutrality." I think I heard that in Venezuela, Cuba, Communist Russia, perhaps North Korea??...the Marxist agent's name was...I forget. Well I digress.

Dear Marxist/Socialist:

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Sam Sandlin  
January 12, 2010, 4:21 pm  
POB 279  
Sarepta, Louisiana 71071

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Dom Sanguiliano  
January 12, 2010, 4:31 pm  
30 Red Oak Way  
Bridgewater, New Jersey 8807

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Patrick Santavenere  
January 12, 2010, 4:32 pm  
1608 Elligson Road  
Rosedale, Maryland 21237

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Sandy Santiago  
January 12, 2010, 4:56 pm  
17 Ski Hill Drive  
Bedminster, New Jersey 7921

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LaJeana Sapp  
January 12, 2010, 4:57 pm  
1192 Lark Rd.  
Joplin, Missouri 64804

I am commenting on the preservation of the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

Government needs to quit trying to takeover enterprises, which the internet is. Some regulation can be positive in some situations. However, what's being proposed will only lead to a government-run internet that will be neither unbiased or truthful.

Please stop this venture to preserve free speech as it was intended.

Lynn Savron  
January 12, 2010, 5:08 pm  
20187 Winding Trail  
Strongsville, Ohio 44149

As an American, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Christopher Sawyer  
January 12, 2010, 5:09 pm  
33649 Bernadine Dr.  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335

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We don't live in Communist China, gentlemen. We live in the United States of America. Keep the Internet free of government interference.

Elizabeth Sawyer  
January 12, 2010, 5:13 pm  
2845 Oakview Ln N  
Plymouth, Minnesota 55441

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We simply don't need government control of the internet or freedom of expression.

Thank you for your consideration.

John Saxon  
January 12, 2010, 5:14 pm  
118 Cheshire Road  
Hudson, Ohio 44236

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Steve Saxon  
January 12, 2010, 5:15 pm  
somewhere in Ca.  
Le Grand, California 95333

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It's all the same folks, internet take over, socialized healthcare, etc. It's simply about power over the people by a few elitists. Only chance we have is to shake up both houses of congress this Nov. I am ashamed of both so called republicans and democrats right now. They vote their selves a raise yet for the first time do not give SS recipients a cost of living raise. I am first and foremost a conservative and I will never quit bugging my reps by phone or email on things that limit my rights given to me in our constitution. Big government must be stopped and but back in it's place in a peacefull way of course by our VOTES! Wake up America you snooze you loose.

Thomas Scalise  
January 12, 2010, 5:35 pm  
1855 W. S.R. 434  
Longwood, Florida 32750

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Jean Scarborough  
January 12, 2010, 5:59 pm  
13242 Teague Road  
Saucier, Mississippi 39574

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Brad Schaeffer  
January 12, 2010, 6:07 pm  
12010 Laurel Road  
Chesterland, Ohio 44026

I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

I am not only an IT expert; I am the owner of a small computer and networking business. I have more than a cursory understanding of how the Internet works.

We suggest providers that work well and explain what doesn't work well with others. Providers that made any attempt to censor, block, restrict or enhance specific traffic have and would be damaged by those actions within the scope of the free market.

The existing system works and the government is looking to fix a problem that doesn't exist.

I have read the proposal and based on the text, damage could and I expect likely will be done to not only the performance and openness of the current structure, but to many providers and consumers of the related products and industries.

This intrusion is unacceptable, unnecessary and must be stopped.

Thank you, Brad Schaeffer

Dorothy Schafer  
January 12, 2010, 6:17 pm  
12 Oak Park Dr.  
Madisonville, Louisiana 70447

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Sincerely,

Dorothy Schafer

scott & monica schaffer  
January 12, 2010, 6:45 pm  
826 george st.  
valparaiso, Indiana 46385-3302

As Americans for Prosperity activists, we hereby submit the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No. 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Katherine Schaper  
January 12, 2010, 6:51 pm  
7302 Cold Harbor Court  
Fairview, Tennessee 37062

Stop the Madness - Keep the GOVERNMENT out of our Private Lives. As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Michelle Schick  
January 12, 2010, 7:28 pm  
317 Delavan Street  
Lincoln, Illinois 62656

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Please - Leave the internet alone and free of government intervention.

Milton Schick  
January 12, 2010, 7:38 pm  
4835 N. Valley Park  
Tucson, Arizona 85705

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Cheryl Schlegel  
January 12, 2010, 8:24 pm  
5466 Oakvilla Manor Drive  
St. Louis, Missouri 63129

As a concerned American, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Alan Schmidt  
January 12, 2010, 8:27 pm  
2512 157th Street  
Gardena, California 90249

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Andrea Schmitt  
January 12, 2010, 8:34 pm  
17721 Buehler Road  
Olney, Maryland 20832

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David and Lois Schmittinger  
January 12, 2010, 8:57 pm  
615 South Grantie Street #C  
Prescott, Arizona 86303

Remember \$10 for Tark as you my comments which means I will give \$10 to defeat you in the next election if you continue to ram rod your socialistic ideas on sensorship.

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Thank you for considering my opinion which I want to be able to continue to express i.e. the freedom of speech!

David and Lois Schmittinger

Edwin and Donna Schmitz  
January 12, 2010, 9:06 pm  
705 Elm Lane  
Grand Junction, Colorado 80507

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james schmitz  
January 12, 2010, 9:21 pm  
19241 farlin road  
parker, Kansas 66072

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Jerome Schmitz  
January 12, 2010, 9:26 pm  
31647 Greenfield Road  
Vermillion, South Dakota 57069

I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The internet has become a huge success because it began as a new medium not hindered by government limitations or incentives which affect the course of other mediums daily. This has allowed individuals and business to be creative and competitive. Let this medium continue to be free of intervention from individuals who impose their version of "good will" and "just intent". Otherwise, it too will become a football which changes color and size based upon the wishes of individuals which come and go as governments change. No medium can flourish under those conditions.

Thank you.  
Jerome Schmitz

William Schnarel  
January 12, 2010, 9:27 pm  
312 Dennis Rd.  
Lipan, Texas 76462

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Sincerely,  
Wm. Jeffrey Schnarel

John Schneider  
January 12, 2010, 9:59 pm  
39444 Main Street  
Eaton, Colorado 80615

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Ray Schneider  
January 12, 2010, 10:00 pm  
77 Middlebrook St.  
Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801

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Steven Schoch  
January 12, 2010, 10:28 pm  
4524 Slater Ct  
Quincy, Illinois 62305

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Stephen Schoen  
January 12, 2010, 10:48 pm  
2992 E Lexington Ave  
Gilbert, Arizona 85234

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Call it what you may, the recent envisioned "controls and regulations" on the internet are an infringement of the American public freedom of speech and free enterprise greatness. Any proposed changes must be trumpeted loudly and get the larger American public approval before moving forward.

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Carl Schoeneberger  
January 12, 2010, 10:48 pm  
5922 Bent Trl  
Dallas, Texas 75248

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Carl Scholten  
January 12, 2010, 10:53 pm  
2615 Pickens St  
Montrose, California 91020

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Judy Schroeder Watrous  
January 12, 2010, 10:53 pm  
2711 W Main St  
Louisville, Kentucky 40212

I am not now and never will be an Americans for Prosperity activist, so I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

I have read information from both sides on this debate. I've decided that the more truthful points are being made in favor of "net neutrality." Although it is apparently true, as Phil Kerpen from Americans for Prosperity and Newsmax say, that competition is intense among media companies, phone and cable, isn't it MORE American to ensure that this great playing field of the internet remains accessible to all players?

Like television and radio "airwaves", electronic communications must have "public access" and strong FCC rules to guarantee that access.

I think Mr. Kerpen is disingenuous when he says in his Newsmax email that we all need to fight against your rulings because "as long as the Internet is free, we can use it to communicate, educate, and organize." However, in the petition he wants me to sign at the Americans for Prosperity website his arguments are clearly in defense of corporations and against "restrictions would lower the rate of return on investments their current investments." Clearly he is talking about "free enterprise" for the few corporations that are currently in control of the market.

It would certainly be a problem should the FCC ever be stacked with Commissioners who "blocked or censored Internet traffic maliciously...." But, again, I disagree with Americans for Prosperity that it was be harder to correct this policy in the public domain than the supposedly self-regulating corporate marketplace.

No, I ask that you as our public Commissioners accept responsibility for enacting strong rules that keep the Internet free from the chance of corporate blocking, censorship and discrimination. Ensure that Internet service providers disclose all efforts to manage content, as proposed, and protect "Net Neutrality."

Ben Schudel  
January 12, 2010, 11:20 pm  
6511 Vine St  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68505

I oppose needless regulation of the internet. The current proposal would seem to put an artificial condition on the internet which would limit the ability of free market forces to select only those services which are economically viable. If there is a demand for the individuals expressing themselves via email or blogs there will be a service to support such activity.

Adine Schuelke  
January 12, 2010, 11:21 pm  
2840 91st Street  
Sturtevant, Wisconsin 53177

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Mrs. Sylvia Schultz  
January 12, 2010, 11:48 pm  
2780 Beemerville Road  
Compton, Illinois 61318

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Pamela Schvey  
January 12, 2010, 11:55 pm  
Millburn Avenue  
Millburn, New Jersey 7041

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Keep government out of my personal life.

Brian Schwartz  
January 13, 2010, 12:00 am  
4339 Pembroke Gardnes  
Boulder, Colorado 80301

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Shirley Scott  
January 13, 2010, 12:39 am  
126 Staffordshire Dr  
New Bern, North Carolina 28562

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I don't want total control of every aspect of my life by the government. Nor should my tax dollars be used for this abuse of power.

John Scuba  
January 13, 2010, 2:34 am  
4725 Champions Way  
Columbus, Georgia 31909

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The Internet is highly competitive. Traditional “phone” and traditional “cable” companies have been locked in an intense struggle to win customers, and wireless is rapidly becoming another viable alternative to wired broadband connections. If and when a private company blocked or censored Internet traffic maliciously it would certainly lose its customers. However, when government gets the power to exercise control over the Internet, there would be no place for Americans to turn.

The notion envisioned for "burden of proof" for requiring network management practices is unreasonably restrictive and will prevent business models that may be economically efficient. This will impose uncertainty and create litigation risks. Such restrictions would lower the rate of return on investments in building network capacity to the point that some of those investments would no longer make economic sense.

The Internet would then either remain crippled or be “rescued” with taxpayer subsidies, which would inevitably mean complete government control along with politicization along with government ownership. Indeed, this “public utility” model is the desired outcome of many proponents of regulation, including the wildly outlandish ideas of former White House adviser Susan Crawford and "Free Press" (only free if it's GOVERNMENT FREE) founder Robert McChesney.

Such a transformation of the Internet into a government-controlled public utility is a dangerous major policy change that should be debated in Congress, the legitimately elected legislative branch of government. The Commission should not and in my opinion has no regulatory right to set into motion regulatory changes that will force Americans down this path.

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Advocates of so-called “net neutrality” have been ringing alarm bells (crying wolf!) now for many years. Starting with the November 19, 2002 letter to the Commission from the so-called “Coalition of Broadband Users and Innovators”, such claims as these should be patently discounted or disregarded out of hand. As there is complete absence of concrete evidence of discriminatory or anti-competitive behavior, there is simply no rationale for imposing new regulations that could have the ultimate and immediate effect of slowing down the great engine of innovation, growth, and expression that the lightly (or UN) regulated, competitive Internet has become.

I close by saying that government has: 1) no hand in anything "neutral" or "free"; and 2) when the government's hand is introduced, that which is or was free or neutral has by definition lost those very admirable traits.

Nelson Secord  
January 13, 2010, 5:07 am  
10660 Silver Lake Mich  
Brighton, Michigan 48116-8603

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Government control will end freedom of expression and hence our liberty.

elizabeth sedgwick  
January 13, 2010, 6:36 am  
1253 buckhead circle  
birmingham, Alabama 35216

KEEP the federal govenment OUT of our lives! This is America, you are attempting to make it a government run country---  
this is despicable

K Sedgwick  
January 13, 2010, 6:45 am  
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New York, New York 10021

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jenny Seibert  
January 13, 2010, 6:46 am  
3 Beechwood Drive  
Wheeling, West Virginia 26003

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**STOP TRYING TO TAKE AWAY OUR FREEDOMS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT YOU "KNOW BETTER THAN WE DO" WHAT IS BEST FOR US.**

Carole Seidel  
January 13, 2010, 6:55 am  
334 Winter Quarters Drive  
Pocomoke City, Maryland 21851

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Linda Self  
January 13, 2010, 6:59 am  
114 Maude Lane  
Mount Airy, North Carolina 27030

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

As it should be in a "free enterprise" country, the Internet is highly competitive. Traditional "phone" and traditional "cable" companies have been locked in an intense struggle to win customers. Wireless is rapidly becoming another viable alternative to wired broadband connections. A private company should not block or censor Internet traffic maliciously if so, it would lose its customers. Government should not block or censor any part of the internet used by private citizens.

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We do not need for the Internet to be either crippled or have to be "rescued" with taxpayer subsidies, which would inevitably bring government control and politicization along with government ownership. Indeed, this "public utility" model is the desired outcome of many proponents of regulation, including former White House adviser Susan Crawford and Free Press founder Robert McChesney.

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Lloyd Sellers  
January 13, 2010, 6:59 am  
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268 Sellers Road  
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Jason and Karen Sensenig  
January 13, 2010, 6:59 am  
5568 80th Pl  
Pinellas Park, Florida 33781

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JAMES SERNA III  
January 13, 2010, 6:59 am  
732 BRIDGE RD  
732 BRIDGE RD  
SAN LEANDRO, California 94577

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

As a heavy user of the internet for both domestic and international communications, I am deeply concerned about the Government's proposal to control the internet. I have not found the current internet setup to be lacking choices of ISPs for users like me, and I've had first-hand experience with governments who totally control and censor internet access and communications.

While that is not the stated intent of the U.S. Government's proposals in the referenced Dockets, the provisions of those proposals would make it too simple for the Government to take total control of internet access and internet content.

I urge you not to approve the Government's proposals outlined in GN Docket 09-191 and WC Docket 07-52.

Deeply Concerned For Our Constitutional Freedoms,

James Serna III

Scott Seward  
January 13, 2010, 7:06 am  
8225 Avenida Castro  
Rancho Cucamonga, California 91730

As a free American, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Robert Seymour  
January 13, 2010, 7:13 am  
127 Miramonte Drive  
Moraga, California 94556

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NJ Sh  
January 13, 2010, 7:24 am  
39425 King Edward Ct.  
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

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Michael Shaffer  
January 13, 2010, 7:48 am  
803 Runner Oak Street  
Celebration, Florida 34747

As an American, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Advocates of so-called "net neutrality" have been ringing alarm bells; however, this only rings of "control" over the freedom of speech. In the absence of concrete evidence of discriminatory or anti-competitive behavior, there is simply no rationale for imposing new regulations that could have the effect of slowing down the great engine of innovation, growth, and expression that the lightly regulated, competitive Internet has become.

I strongly object to these efforts of the "Open Internet" proposed policies...please do not allow this to proceed.

shane shane

January 13, 2010, 7:51 am

australia

adelaide, Washington 253/564

It's just another step by the USA to rule the world by stealth. The puppet masters in the US have always wanted to take over the world and its citizens are just as bad for allowing it to happen. They appear to believe that the USA is the world. The rest of the world is not happy. The US is the only nation on earth who believes that it has the right to invade any country it disagrees with or has a financial stake in. It has invaded over 60 countries since the Vietnam conflict using various excuses. The latest excuse is the so called war on terror. The true terrorists are the US itself who bully, threaten and ultimately invade countries who they disagree with. The internet is the last source of the truth (if you can sort it out from the bullshit) and free communication. All other forms of media is controlled and corrupted by the power brokers and the puppet masters. Just like in the movies, judgement day is coming. The war for true freedom of expression is still raging and the US is its biggest enemy. this is a warning to all those who believe in free press and honest communication. BEWARE the US gov is coming to take you away.

Nancie Shauger  
January 13, 2010, 7:53 am  
191 East Main Street  
New Castle, Colorado 81647

As an American Citizen and Taxpayer who strongly endorses the activities of "Americans for Prosperity", I support the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet, GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52, and have added my personal opinion in the last two paragraphs:

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I am vehemently opposed to the government having any control over the Internet. Land and cell phone service, cable and satellite, gas and electric...all of them are exorbitantly priced and less competitive because of government fees, taxes, regulations, etc. In general, INTERFERENCE! Geez, we just got rid of the Spanish-American War tax on our phone bills!

In addition, taxpayer subsidies, i.e. the FCC taking MY tax dollars to sprinkle where THEY see fit is not only arbitrary and "taxation without representation" but enables poorly run entities to then become "too big to fail." Have we learned NOTHING? A healthy, competitive, free market will naturally weed out lesser performing companies, thinning the herd and improving the gene pool, duh! And Lord knows we still have plenty of attorneys and ridiculously generous juries for anyone unfortunate or dumb or lazy enough to stay on such sinking ships. Get your hands off FREE ENTERPRISE!!

Ben Shaw  
January 13, 2010, 8:01 am  
390 Mira Mar Ave  
Long Beach, California 90814

I am commenting today because I want the Internet to remain as it is, with no further government control or regulation...GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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John Shea  
January 13, 2010, 8:04 am  
2825 Einstein Drive  
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The Federal Government is not doing a very good job running all the things they do now. There are too many people with selfish interests to fairly govern the people who elected them. We elected these people thinking they were going to represent us, at this point in time they are not representing the people. They shouldn't be allowed to take over the Internet.

The Internet is highly competitive. Traditional "phone" and traditional "cable" companies have been locked in an intense struggle to win customers, and wireless is rapidly becoming another viable alternative to wired broadband connections. If a private company blocked or censored Internet traffic maliciously it would lose its customers. If government exercised control over the Internet, there would be no place to turn.

The envisioned burden of proof for requiring network management practices is unreasonably restrictive and will prevent business models that may be economically efficient. This will impose uncertainty and create litigation risks. Such restrictions would lower the rate of return on investments in building network capacity to the point that some of those investments would no longer make economic sense.

The Internet would then either remain crippled or be "rescued" with taxpayer subsidies, which would inevitably bring government control and politicization along with government ownership. Indeed, this "public utility" model is the desired outcome of many proponents of regulation, including former White House adviser Susan Crawford and Free Press founder Robert McChesney.

Such a transformation of the Internet into a government-controlled public utility is a major policy change that should be debated in Congress, the legitimately elected legislative branch of government. The Commission should not on its own set into motion regulatory changes that will force us down this path.

I am especially concerned that the Commission is already contemplating Internet content restrictions, such as the suggestion under paragraph 77 of the NPRM that the Commission may ultimately be the arbiter of which competing interests should be prioritized.

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Cheryl Sheen  
January 13, 2010, 8:04 am  
1928 Sheen Hollow  
Otsego, Michigan 49078

I am writing regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The Internet is becoming another alternative to wired broadband connections. If a private company blocked or censored Internet traffic it would lose customers. If the government exercised control over the Internet, there would be no options. The burden of proof for requiring network management practices is unreasonably restrictive and could create litigation risks. Such restrictions would lower the profits on investments in building network capacity. This could cause some of those investments to not be economically feasible.

The Internet could have problems which could eventually lead to government intervention and control. This government control is what many proponents of regulation, such as Susan Crawford and Robert McChesney would like to have happen. This should be decided by Congress, not by unelected government officials or a commission. I am concerned that the Commission is already contemplating Internet content restrictions, such as the suggestion under paragraph 77 of the NPRM that the Commission may ultimately be the arbiter of which competing interests should be prioritized.

Without concrete evidence of discriminatory or anti-competitive behavior, there is no rationale for imposing new regulations that could have the effect of slowing down the innovation, growth, and expression that the Internet now has.

Fulton Sheen  
January 13, 2010, 8:11 am  
1928 Sheen Hollow  
Otsego, Michigan 49078

#### FCC Regulation of the Internet

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

I am a former 3-term MI state legislator, 2-term County Treasurer and have been a small business owner of a financial planning practice with my wife for over 20 years. Currently, I involved in bringing new products and systems to the market, and am over several faith-based 501 (c) organizations one ministers to Native Americans and the other is a disaster relief group. I am also a FEMA certified trainer and have on the MI NFIB Leadership Council since 1992. The reason I listed all this is to let you know all of my contacts and business relationships are opposed to you in any way, shape and form regulating the Internet. We are not interested in you asserting your set of values, beliefs and agendas over yet another free form of information exchange and commerce. Federal regulators and non-elected bureaucrats were never supposed to control and regulate communication and information exchange. Nowhere in the US Constitution are they given any authority to control or regulate free speech, free enterprise or free information exchange. In fact, it actually sets forth prohibitions against this. Freedom is the choice of making good or bad decisions, it's messy. It's not supposed to be controlled or molded by our government or its unelected regulators. Small to large businesses are already suffering and a competitive disadvantage to their international counter parts, because of Washington's insatiable desire to control and regulate everything. Our free enterprise system is continuing to diminish and Socialism is becoming the form of government and economic system which encumbers and defines us.

I oppose the attempt of the FCC and the Obama Administration to regulate the internet and free speech, for the pure and simple reason that they can't control the opposition to their policies and politics. Regulation of the internet will mean the media and the government will no longer have any truly free opinion exchange of an opposing nature. It will hurt American business making us less competitive than we are already. It will hurt and stifle American citizens who disagree with current party or administration in control, regardless of which party it happens to be. Finally it will hurt America by continuing to regulate and restrain free speech and making us less free and less the America we once were.

Fulton Sheen

Cynthia Shelley  
January 13, 2010, 8:24 am  
35556 County Road 57  
Gill, Colorado 80624

As an American, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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The envisioned burden of proof for requiring network management practices is unreasonably restrictive and will prevent business models that may be economically efficient. This will impose uncertainty and create litigation risks. Such risks would keep investors at bay.

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Joel Shellman  
January 13, 2010, 8:38 am  
1324 SE 283rd Ave  
Camas, Washington 98607

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Such a transformation of the Internet into a government-controlled public utility would be disastrous to the freedom of people everywhere.

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Anyone proposing regulation on the Internet does so out of ignorance or malice.

Cari Sherrod  
January 13, 2010, 8:41 am  
1 Winster Fax  
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185

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Douglas Sherwin  
January 13, 2010, 8:49 am  
15102 Kestrelrise Drive  
Lithia, Florida 33547

As an concerned citizen and member of Americans for Prosperity, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Clancy Shipley  
January 13, 2010, 8:57 am  
1174 splashing brook drive  
abingdon, Maryland 21009

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So keep your dirty hands off of the internet and out of the peoples pockets. Period.

David Shipp  
January 13, 2010, 9:14 am  
1589 Brookside Camp Rd  
Hendersonville, North Carolina 28792

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We need less Government, NOT MORE!

Linda Shirk  
January 13, 2010, 9:19 am  
9 Timberlake Road  
Bloomington, Illinois 61704

Government should leave the private sector alone and let capitalism work with efficiency. Private ownership will make needed changes as the market dictates. This is far better than the opinion of a few dictating what everyone else should do. Keep the internet free and open!

Stephen Shirk  
January 13, 2010, 9:20 am  
1737 Azalea Dr  
Lawrenceville, Georgia 30043

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Furthermore, as a network professional for more than 30 years, I fully understand the implications of removing prioritization from the routers, servers, and other intelligent devices providing orderly traffic to reach its destination. If the FCC passes this legislation, you will hamstring providers, kill millions of jobs in the network infrastructure profession, and create one more grab for control of the private sector. I resent your effort and will do everything in my power to see you not only defeated, but unmasked for the deceit you perpetuate on the citizens of our country!

Steve Shirk

Donna Shively  
January 13, 2010, 9:22 am  
253 Hilltop  
Goldonna, Louisiana 71031

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I fell very strongly that any attempt to regulate content, or prioritization of the internet is a direct and blatant violation of my freedom of speech, which is protected under the First Amendment of the Constitution.

It is also my belief that government ownership or control of the internet will be the next feeding frenzy for powerful lobby groups.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Shively  
07 Jan, 2010

Randi Shober  
January 13, 2010, 9:34 am  
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Reinholds, Pennsylvania 17569

I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

I agree with the members of Americans for Prosperity.

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Robert Short  
January 13, 2010, 9:34 am  
1850 Lake Terrace Drive  
Eustis, Florida 32726

As a former Director, Information Services, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (1987-94), and the person who introduced use of the Internet to penetrate Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, I enabled the ability of millions behind the Iron Curtain to acquire truthful information.

Second, as an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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julie shoup  
January 13, 2010, 9:35 am  
4411 forest drive  
everett, Washington 98203

It's time to rein in the government and the power mongers running it!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Michael Shrader  
January 13, 2010, 9:36 am  
18095 via del Colorete  
Sahuarita, Arizona 85629

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I do not want our government or any other government involved in our daily lives including healthcare.

Richard Shuker  
January 13, 2010, 9:41 am  
409 Pennsylvania Ave  
Shillington, Pennsylvania 19607

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Andrew Jackson

Kate Sigler  
January 13, 2010, 9:44 am  
69 Zander Dr.  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

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rich silva  
January 13, 2010, 9:47 am  
p.o. box 4801  
santa fe, New Mexico 87502

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Roger Simister  
January 13, 2010, 9:50 am  
2874 S. Old Highway 91  
New Harmony, Utah 84757

I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

I am totally against "net neutrality".

This could have the effect of slowing down the great engine of innovation, growth, and expression that the lightly regulated, competitive Internet has become.

Donald Simmons  
January 13, 2010, 9:55 am  
3117 Branding Iron Way  
Berthoud, Colorado 80513

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Tom Simmons  
January 13, 2010, 10:04 am  
758 Crestview Loop  
Crossville, Tennessee 38571

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I heartily concur with the above statement and feel that further action by the FCC concerning this matter is unwarranted, unnecessary and as it pertains to areas of the proposal specified above is beyond the scope of the FCC.

Reid Simpson  
January 13, 2010, 10:32 am  
20002 207th ST CT. E  
Orting, Washington 98360

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For any and all reasons, the government needs to keep it's nose out of the internet.

Thank you

Ernest Sinclair  
January 13, 2010, 10:32 am  
16502 Denise Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78717-3049

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The administration and Congress cannot on the one hand condemn restrictions of Internet use in foreign countries and on the other hand seek to govern/regulate use of the Internet in the United States.

Tracey Singleton  
January 13, 2010, 10:33 am  
1501 Pinewood Court  
Bel Air, Maryland 21014

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Stan Siranovich  
January 13, 2010, 10:36 am  
2078 Shady Grove Way  
Louisville, Kentucky 40218

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YOU PEOPLE ARE MORONS. YOU MUST THINK THAT WE ARE AS STUPID AS YOU ARE. BUTT OUT OF THE INTERNET.

Richard Sistrunk  
January 13, 2010, 10:49 am  
2210 Southern Road  
Sanford, North Carolina 27330

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David & Lynne Sity  
January 13, 2010, 10:57 am  
1785 E. Cottage Ave.  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55119

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Attempts to control free speech and communication in the United States are both Fascist and Communist.

Robert Sizemore  
January 13, 2010, 11:02 am  
7812 Melcombe Way  
Wake Forest, North Carolina 27587

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Jim Skoczlas  
January 13, 2010, 11:18 am  
520 Cherryhill Dr.  
Bridgeville, Pennsylvania 15017

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Anne Skorupski  
January 13, 2010, 11:28 am  
47 Braeburn Rd  
Bristol, Connecticut 6010

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**KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF!**

David Skrzypczak  
January 13, 2010, 11:37 am  
10341 Wildwood  
Interlochen, Michigan 49643

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Hans Slade  
January 13, 2010, 11:43 am  
810 Cypress Drive  
Rio Vista, California 94571

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Everything government regulates suffers from unintelligent and uncaring oversight that adds cost and slows innovation. The Net is conversation between citizens, the government has no right to listen in or regulate that intercourse.

Jan Slama  
January 13, 2010, 11:43 am  
12422 E. Mansfield Ave, #79  
Spokane Valley, Washington 99216

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ROBERT SLAPE  
January 13, 2010, 11:52 am  
6402 ALPINE  
AMARILLO, Texas 79109

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Continued expansion of government into the lives of American citizens designed to control our very thoughts and existence is anti-American and unconstitutional. Put your efforts into something worthwhile such as reducing the size of government!!!

Miranda Slone  
January 13, 2010, 11:54 am  
952 Arkansas Creek Rd.  
Martin, Kentucky 41649

To put it plainly, if it isn't broke, don't fix it. The Internet has flourished in private sector hands; if that changes, Congress can decide what to do about it. At the moment, "net neutrality" is entirely unnecessary.

bec small  
January 13, 2010, 11:57 am  
box 21291  
sedona, Arizona 86341

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Harry Smallwood  
January 13, 2010, 12:04 pm  
1176 Cliffrose Way  
1176 Cliffrose Way  
Beaumont,, California 92223

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The citizens of the United States of America do not need, or want, more government control over our free enterprise system. Keep your hands off by not passing new laws that will prohibit the free expression offered by the internet as it now exists.  
Harry Smallwood — A concerned citizen.

Brittany Smith  
January 13, 2010, 12:08 pm  
781 S. 1100 E  
Pleasant Grove, Utah 84062

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Curtis Smith  
January 13, 2010, 12:13 pm  
6434 Colonial Village Loop  
Manassas, Virginia 20112

I agree with the comments provided below from Americans for Prosperity, but also wanted to add my statement.

This "Open Internet" concept which promotes, "Together we can preserve a 'free' and 'open' Internet to promote greater innovation, job creation, and a more connected America" will do nothing more than stagnate free speech and competition on the web. Don't ruin a good thing by allowing government regulations (of any kind) to deter companies and individuals from enjoying an already "free" and "open" Internet. I can guarantee, companies and individuals, like myself, will stop using the Internet. You will drive away competition, therefore companies and the people they employ, and an otherwise "booming" Internet community that was already innovative (and growing).

Furthermore, I support the following:

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James Smith  
January 13, 2010, 12:24 pm  
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Friday Harbor, Washington 98250

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Kay Smith  
January 13, 2010, 12:25 pm  
1419 N. Denver Ct.  
Stillwater, Oklahoma 74075

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Laurence Smith  
January 13, 2010, 12:30 pm  
56099 River Shore Lane  
Elkhart, Indiana 46516

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Please keep Governmental hands and regulations off the internet!

Leonard Smith  
January 13, 2010, 12:33 pm  
4851 Auburn Ford  
Greenwood, Indiana 46142

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Mark Smith  
January 13, 2010, 12:36 pm  
123 S. Eastwood Drive, Suite 5204-149  
Woodstock, Illinois 60098

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TERESA SMITH  
January 13, 2010, 12:39 pm  
2473 SW. BAYSHORE BLVD.  
PORT SAINT LUCIE, Florida 34984

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Zach Smith  
January 13, 2010, 12:40 pm  
600 S. Park St  
Pocahontas, Arkansas 72455

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Charles Smith MD  
January 13, 2010, 12:41 pm  
3112 Maryland Rd.  
Rockford, Illinois 61108

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G. Mick Smith, PhD  
January 13, 2010, 12:44 pm  
4 Kevin Way  
Malvern, Pennsylvania 19355

As a registered Democrat who has worked with technology and the Internet for years, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No. 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Thank you,  
Dr. G. Mick Smith

Stephen Snitz  
January 13, 2010, 12:48 pm  
4310 W. 70th Terrace  
Prairie Village, Kansas 66208

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Rick Snow  
January 13, 2010, 12:49 pm  
2893 Larkin Avenue  
Clovis, California 93612

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Gloria Snyder  
January 13, 2010, 12:52 pm  
2899 Daniel Drive  
Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania 19608

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Mary Snyder  
January 13, 2010, 12:56 pm  
1001 W. Lambert Rd. #153  
La Habra, California 90631

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Robert Snyder  
January 13, 2010, 12:57 pm  
4271 Chittingham Drive  
Pace, Florida 32571

America was founded on Christian principles and the free enterprise concept of capitalism with minimal government intervention and control.

All that is being challenged today and we should oppose it and expect our duly elected representatives in Washington to defeat any proposed law that violates these founding principles. Prayer should be encouraged in our schools and attempts by the ACLU to do otherwise should be slammed down quickly. The American flag should be given the respect it should have. Government control of business should ne kept at a very minimum to protect American lives and well being. The use of the Internet should be privately owned and competitively run. The government should not impose its control under any disguise such as Open Internet.

Lawmakers who do not support the ideas and principles of the Founding Fathers should be voted out of office. Give us back the America as it used to be.

Nancy Solano  
January 13, 2010, 12:58 pm  
PO Box 41641  
Mesa, Arizona 85274

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KATHY Solvig  
January 13, 2010, 1:00 pm  
201Northside  
Lexington, North Carolina 27292

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Sam Southern  
January 13, 2010, 1:07 pm  
406 Waughtown St.  
Winston Salem, North Carolina 27127

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Leo Spaeder  
January 13, 2010, 1:07 pm  
425 Pacific Avenue  
Forest Hills, Pennsylvania 15221-4011

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Steve Spafford  
January 13, 2010, 1:12 pm  
5107 N. Aberdeen Pl.  
Meridian, Idaho 83646

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This is simply one more example of how our communist leadership is grabbing control. If they can limit discussion and communication, they control the debate and win.

Julie Spanarelli  
January 13, 2010, 1:12 pm  
413 Hawkins Rd  
Selden, New York 11784

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Donald Spear  
January 13, 2010, 1:14 pm  
4242 E. 5th Street  
Tucson, Arizona 85711

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In conclusion, the internet works because it is free of government regulation. Let it be.

Sincerely,  
Don Spear

Sue Speck  
January 13, 2010, 1:25 pm  
10 Augusta Dr #1  
Vernon, New Jersey 7462

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Your bald attempt to control the Internet in hopes of shutting off Conservative dissent is as pathetic as the rest of the Marxist initiatives being forced down our throats.

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Sue/Igor Speck/Jaworowsky  
January 13, 2010, 1:33 pm  
10 Augusta Dr #1  
Vernon, New Jersey 7462

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Hands off our internet. Move to some socialist paradise in Europe where you belong and leave what remains of our noble Constitution and our beautiful Republic ALONE.

Sue Speck & Igor Jaworowsky

Darryl Speiser  
January 13, 2010, 1:36 pm  
4430 E. Jennifer Dr.  
Nampa, Idaho 83686

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What the Government regulates it controls. I object to any controls herein proposed.

Shirley Spellerberg  
January 13, 2010, 1:37 pm  
3621 Lynchburg Drive  
Denton, Texas 76208

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Dale Spencer  
January 13, 2010, 1:37 pm  
5771 McPhersons Pt  
Livonia, New York 144879212

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GET OUT OF OUR LIVES !

Stewart Dale Spencer  
January 13, 2010, 1:37 pm  
1290 Morningwood Drive  
San Marcos, Texas 78666

I am opposed to any new regulatory or legislative control over the Internet. I prefer to let the the market decide how Internet services are delivered to the public.

I repeat, I am opposed to any new regulatory or legislative control over the Internet. I see any such attempts as a threat to our rights to free speech and freedom of the press.

Janice Spetz  
January 13, 2010, 1:40 pm  
3059 Ramona Avenu  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45211

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I am completely and unequivocally against any attempt by the FCC or other government agency to turn the internet into a "public utility" of sorts. I do not want to see government ownership or control of the internet.

Roxie Spina  
January 13, 2010, 1:44 pm  
9 Barkman Way  
Chester, New Jersey 7930

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Patty Spitzmiller  
January 13, 2010, 1:47 pm  
3667 C R 222  
Cape Girardeau, Missouri 63701

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Just leave it to the private sector. "It ain't broke..don't fit it."

Charles Sproull  
January 13, 2010, 1:49 pm  
PO Box 74  
Springville, Indiana 47462

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F Spucci  
January 13, 2010, 1:53 pm  
456 Pelhamdale Avenue  
Pelham, New York 10803

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Simply stated: "Don't mess with the internet" It is fine and certainly competitive.

William Spurlock  
January 13, 2010, 1:53 pm  
336 Wells Fork Road  
Viper, Kentucky 41774

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Doug Squeo  
January 13, 2010, 1:55 pm  
1989 Wexford Circle  
Wheaton, Illinois 60189

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Roger Stadnik  
January 13, 2010, 1:55 pm  
Pinetown Road  
Audubon, Pennsylvania 19403

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This proposal appears to me to be a "solution" in search of a problem. Ask yourself what it is that the proponents of this/these regulations are really up to.

Dan Stahl  
January 13, 2010, 1:59 pm  
1401 N 7th Street  
Ponca City, Oklahoma 74601

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Ova Stambush  
January 13, 2010, 2:03 pm  
2425 Heard Street  
Evansville, Indiana 47725

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Heather Stancil  
January 13, 2010, 2:06 pm  
525 NW 3rd St  
Earlham, Iowa 50072

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I have been in the telecom & internet industry for years, and have personally experienced the benefit of competition: lower prices and better service. Where, pray tell my dear Chicken Littles, is the problem exactly?

Charles E Stanfield  
January 13, 2010, 2:07 pm  
12617 w 121st St  
Overland Park, Kansas 66213

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I personally think we need to keep the Government out of more things and let private business compete. Government needs to do less, just protect our country.

Thomas Stark  
January 13, 2010, 2:07 pm  
334 Seven Acres Road  
Parkersburg, West Virginia 26104

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The government's role in communications issues should be one of minimally intrusive, common sense, rules that allow all competing interests equal access and a level playing field. How successfully each of those competitors operates on that level playing field should be market-driven. If what they are doing is not in the best interest of a consumer, they will have alternative means to accomplish their task or need and the abuser will be flushed from the market through free choice, not government manipulation.

Vladimir Starkov  
January 13, 2010, 2:14 pm  
1846 Sheffield Lane  
Geneva, Illinois 60134

As a concerned American citizen, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

As an economist who does, among other, some consulting work for the telecommunication industry, I believe that the Internet at present is highly competitive. Traditional “phone” and traditional “cable” companies have been locked in an intense struggle to win customers, and wireless is rapidly becoming another viable alternative to wired broadband connections. If a private company blocked or censored Internet traffic maliciously it would lose its customers. If government exercised control over the Internet, there would be no place to turn.

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Franklin Starks  
January 13, 2010, 2:16 pm  
PO Box 306  
1287 Highway 53  
Zuni, New Mexico 87327

Please don't meddle in the content of the internet. I won't bother to point out the devastating effect it will have on our freedoms as government takes more control of our lives; you are already fully aware of that. If you proceed, it will because you hope to effect that devastation.

Your action will answer the question.

John Stasnek  
January 13, 2010, 2:21 pm  
P.O. Box 63345  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19114

As a concerned citizen and internet user, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Jeff Stasney  
January 13, 2010, 2:21 pm  
111 PR 7284  
De Berry, Texas 75639-2343

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More government control is not the answer.  
In this venue or any free market venue.  
The government will kill the internet as we know it if  
the GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52 is allowed.

Respectfully,

Jeff and Judy Stasney

Stan Stearns  
January 13, 2010, 2:22 pm  
11918 s. 53rd st  
Papillion, Nebraska 68133

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Brenda D Steed  
January 13, 2010, 2:22 pm  
1425 2nd ave. sp. 182  
Chula Vista, California 91911

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**KEEP AWAY FROM THE INTERNET YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO DO THIS**

brenda d steed  
January 13, 2010, 2:26 pm  
1425 2nd ave.  
chula vista, California 91911

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NO GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION PLEASE

Paul Stein  
January 13, 2010, 2:28 pm  
172 Oenoke Lane  
New Canaan, Connecticut 6840

I submit the following comment regarding preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The internet strikes me as so complex, and our present government so responsive to small groups of activists and special interests that are often uninformed and/or unknowing of the technical requirements of the internet that passing this legislation will set up conditions for major problems. There will be so many mistakes made because of the political strength of unknowing congressmen and others and so many unintended adverse consequences that we shall suffer mightily.

George Stephens  
January 13, 2010, 2:29 pm  
761-201 Bishops Park Drive  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27605

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Peggy Stephens  
January 13, 2010, 2:30 pm  
8780 Mt. Washington Road  
Taylorsville, Kentucky 40071

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LEAVE MY INTERNET ALONE!

keneth stevens  
January 13, 2010, 2:34 pm  
234 ridgefield ave  
bogota, New Jersey 7603

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Patricia Stevens  
January 13, 2010, 2:36 pm  
1416 West 6th Street  
North Platte, Nebraska 69101

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Please stop now!

William Stevens  
January 13, 2010, 2:37 pm  
3385 Wheeling Road  
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

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Don Stevenson  
January 13, 2010, 2:40 pm  
9692 Westheimer  
Houston, Texas 77063

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Jesse Stewart  
January 13, 2010, 2:41 pm  
102 Caravel Ct  
Havelock, North Carolina 28532

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In simple English the Government needs to keep it's thieving hands off.

Laine Stewart  
January 13, 2010, 2:41 pm  
10300 Butternut Circle  
Massas, Virginia 20110

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Robert Stewart  
January 13, 2010, 2:44 pm  
200 North Main st.  
Russell, Pennsylvania 16345

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Beulah Stidham  
January 13, 2010, 2:44 pm  
1218 11th Street  
Hermosa Beach, California 90254

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**DO NOT TAKE OVER THE INTERNET!**

Joan Stirlen  
January 13, 2010, 2:49 pm  
2208 Scissortail Lane  
Edmond, Oklahoma 73034

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Thank you  
Joan Stirlen

Robert and Barbara Stokes  
January 13, 2010, 2:55 pm  
3779 Highway 77 N., Marion, AR  
Marion, Arkansas 72364

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Bob and Barbara Stokes

Catherine Stone  
January 13, 2010, 2:56 pm  
133 McGinnis Rd  
Scottsville, New York 14546

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Glynn Stone  
January 13, 2010, 2:59 pm  
P.O. Box 1785  
Grants Pass, Oregon 97528

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Bill Stork  
January 13, 2010, 3:00 pm  
P.O. Box 19906  
Greensboro, North Carolina 27410

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Pat Strati  
January 13, 2010, 3:02 pm  
300 Westminster Canterbury Dr.  
Apt 529  
Winchester, Virginia 22603

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I am against the internet being controlled by the gov't.  
That takes away our freedoms. pat Strati

Wilton Stribling  
January 13, 2010, 3:06 pm  
3909 Mt Hayden Dr  
Montrose, Colorado 81403

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Shannon Strickland  
January 13, 2010, 3:07 pm  
20 Bramlett Road  
Taylors, South Carolina 29687

I will submit the official response below, but first my personal response:

As a private citizen and as a professional I will tell you now, I will NEVER accept government control of the free enterprise known as the internet. This dangerous path to socialism will not be accepted by me or any other true American - EVER! You need to back off of this ridiculous nonsense right now. Knowing the technical requirements to create and maintain such complex networks myself, it is quite obvious to me that the morons who thought this ill conceived idea up have absolutely no clue in how things work. Not to mention the governments great legacy of "achievements" when it puts it's nose where it does not belong. Enough - drop this BS right now.

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Stephen Struk  
January 13, 2010, 3:08 pm  
73 Harding Road  
Wyckoff, New Jersey 7481

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In a nutshell, keep the government away from regulating legitimate Internet usage and models.

Carolyn Strutner  
January 13, 2010, 3:11 pm  
1425 Beechlake Drive  
Columbus, Ohio 43235

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Sarah H. Studstill  
January 13, 2010, 3:17 pm  
2793 Woodland Park Drive  
Atlanta, Georgia 30345-4033

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Fred Stuhlmiller  
January 13, 2010, 3:17 pm  
500 N. Lake Havasu Ave. C-106  
Lake Havasu City, Arizona 86403

Read this and stop the madness.

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Andrew Sullivan  
January 13, 2010, 3:21 pm  
7748 Western Ave  
Omaha, Nebraska 68114

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Ann Sullivan  
January 13, 2010, 3:24 pm  
103 Wildwood Drive  
Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comments regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

First of all let me say, You people in Washington are just not getting the message to stop meddling in our lives..Stop it! Free people should have the right to choose free speech. The internet falls under Freedom of Speech.

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Charles Sullivan  
January 13, 2010, 3:26 pm  
97 Old Brunswick Rd  
Gardiner, Maine 4345

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terrence sullivan  
January 13, 2010, 3:28 pm  
5446 jarman st  
colorado springs, Colorado 80906

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The men in this group are behaving badly and violating several amendments in our Constitution  
Terry Sullivan

Bob Sundquist  
January 13, 2010, 3:30 pm  
28466 Old KC Road  
Paola, Kansas 66071

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Jennifer Suter  
January 13, 2010, 3:31 pm  
6992 Saratoga Ct.  
Summerfield, North Carolina 27358

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Charles sutherland  
January 13, 2010, 3:33 pm  
2204 Pasadena St  
Santa Ana, California 92705

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Rebekah Sutherland  
January 13, 2010, 3:35 pm  
1121 West Avenue J-11  
Lancaster, California 93534-4807

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Washington must not be allowed to control the Internet where we, Americans, enjoy the freedom of speech and freedom of press, with one another.

David Sutton  
January 13, 2010, 3:44 pm  
89 San Bonita Way  
Havana, Florida 32333

As an American Patriot who's discussed with the government's blatant attempts to control our lives and abolish our constitutional freedoms, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

It does not surprise me that liberal government bureaucrats want to control the Internet like they attempt to control all aspects of citizens lives. 'Open Internet' or 'net neutrality' is just liberal double speak to disguise your true intent of control of information channels.

Every thing I've seen the government control, I've seen ruined. The government does nothing well. Do not try to extent government control to the Internet. Keep your hands off the people's only government-free means of communications.

Julie Sutton  
January 13, 2010, 3:44 pm  
14121 Rorring Rd  
Winfield, Kansas 67156

The internet is a beautiful example of FREEDOM, which is the priceless attribute setting the United States apart from most of the rest of the world. Please do not restrict our liberty by allowing the federal government to have control over the internet! Honor the Constitution and the Bill of Rights that protects freedom of speech and freedom of the press.

Kevin Sweeney  
January 13, 2010, 3:51 pm  
18 Oakville Drive  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15220

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Anne Swift-Jones  
January 13, 2010, 4:04 pm  
12607 Westlodge Court  
Herndon, Virginia 20170

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James Sykes  
January 13, 2010, 4:05 pm  
101 Lincolnshire Drive  
Crossville,, Tennessee 38555

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William Toby Sykes  
January 13, 2010, 4:08 pm  
5453 Foxwood Drive  
Riegelwood, North Carolina 28456

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Thank you, Toby Sykes

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sykora  
January 13, 2010, 4:21 pm  
11 W. 79th St.  
Kansas City, Missouri 64114

Please! for your own sake and your organization, have a great relationship with God just by praying for one! That's all that needs to be done to get it started! That way, problems like these mentioned below, will not be happening so much, possibly stopping altogether!

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Suzanne Tait  
January 13, 2010, 4:22 pm  
3811 W Schafer Rd  
Pinckney, Michigan 48169

WHAT IS IT THAT WE HAVE FOUGHT FOR/ GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF THE INTERNET IS WRONG. WE ARE NOT CHINA NOR A COMMUNIST COUNTRY. SAOROSA!

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nick takacs  
January 13, 2010, 4:24 pm  
po box 6023  
avon, Colorado 81620

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M Talamo  
January 13, 2010, 4:24 pm  
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Cliffside park, New Jersey 7010

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**KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF OUR LIBERTIES and FREEDOM!**

ELLEN TALIERCIO  
January 13, 2010, 4:27 pm  
84 BARTON AVENUE  
STATEN ISLAND, New York 10306

As an American, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

I watch what is taking place in Iran and notice a grave similarity to what you wish to do. Control the media - including the internet in order to censor what people are allowed to hear. To promote liberal points of view and try to change our country into a close version of France. Think of yourself as an American first and you have to realize how wrong your thinking is. We are a great country and will only continue to succeed if we retain our freedom.

I, and I now realize, many other Americans are not willing to allow the take over of our lives by a government running out of control with power.

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If you continue along the path that you are chosen you will lose the faith of taxpaying Americans and you should prepare yourselves for what will happen at that point in time.

Al Tallant  
January 13, 2010, 4:31 pm  
700 Leisure dr  
Fort Worth, Texas 76120

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We want the freedom and rights afforded us by our constitution and Bill of Rights-namely freedom of speech. We are not a Marxist nor communist country !!

Warren Tanner  
January 13, 2010, 4:35 pm  
786 Landing Road  
North Pole, Alaska 99705

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Lois Tannous  
January 13, 2010, 4:35 pm  
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Wayne, New Jersey 7470

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Walt Taufen  
January 13, 2010, 4:37 pm  
707 B Warner Ave  
Lewiston, Idaho 83501

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Barbara Taylor  
January 13, 2010, 4:39 pm  
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Exeter, New Hampshire 3833

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If it isn't enough, we should only look at the so-called "freedom" that the protesters in Tehran have. It's a great example of an "open internet". Open to whom and for what REAL cause?

Barbara E. Taylor

David Taylor  
January 13, 2010, 4:42 pm  
3601 E Stagecoach Dr  
Kingman, Arizona 86401

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Jackie Taylor  
January 13, 2010, 4:46 pm  
2701 Raven Drive  
Sierra Vista, Arizona 85650

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Jay Taylor  
January 13, 2010, 4:52 pm  
7107 Talnuck Court  
Clarkston, Michigan 48348

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JOHN TAYLOR  
January 13, 2010, 4:57 pm  
101 CAROL COURT  
FOREST, Virginia 24551

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Charlene Tebar  
January 13, 2010, 5:02 pm  
747 Parkman Ave.  
Los Angeles, California 90026

Please be advised, that this statement and the data that it contains inform me that the Commission is way outside its bounds in moving forward along this line and needs to be reigned in.

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January 13, 2010, 5:05 pm  
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Cave Creek, Arizona 85331

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Duncan Tenney  
January 13, 2010, 5:08 pm  
26 West Cheyenne Mtn. Blvd.  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80906

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WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS????!?? (trying to regulate the internet)

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Claudia Tennyson  
January 13, 2010, 5:12 pm  
4 Nickel Mine Dr.  
Seymour, Connecticut 6483

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I don't need another government run business!! Stay out of business! Is this America or France!!

Frank Terry  
January 13, 2010, 5:23 pm  
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Santa Paula, California 93060

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Wilfred E Tessier Jr  
January 13, 2010, 5:29 pm  
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CDolorado Springd, Colorado 80915

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Barbara Thoman  
January 13, 2010, 5:32 pm  
6618 Wilderness Trail  
Fishers, Indiana 46038

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Dorothy Thomas  
January 13, 2010, 5:32 pm  
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Waretown, New Jersey 8758

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Harry Thomas  
January 13, 2010, 5:33 pm  
P.O. Box 24159  
San Jose, California 95154

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John Thomas  
January 13, 2010, 5:42 pm  
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Albion, New York 14411

As an American citizen. I reject government interference in our use of the internet. Your positions as leaders of this nation is not to subject us to your flagrant abuse of your power. The internet is NOT a government concern. You did not invent it and you will not control it.

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Marc Thomas  
January 13, 2010, 5:50 pm  
156 Lake Holiday Road  
Cross Junction, Virginia 22625

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Patricia Thomas  
January 13, 2010, 5:50 pm  
884 Todd Lane  
Arroyo Grande, California 93420

Keep your fucking hands off of the interest!! You're just a bunch of muslim nazis. Keep your propaganda to your acorn whores.

Steve Thomas  
January 13, 2010, 6:00 pm  
4099 Benden Circle  
Murrysville, Pennsylvania 15668

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January 13, 2010, 6:02 pm  
8510 E. Alluvial  
Clovis, California 93619

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January 13, 2010, 6:07 pm  
4712 Chaparral Run  
Enid, Oklahoma 73703

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What you are trying to do is ultimately silent dissent and control all media outlets as dictators such as Hugo Chavez do, and as the Soviets did. No more trampling on our constitution.

Julianne Thompson  
January 13, 2010, 6:11 pm  
Box 204  
Grand Island, New York 14072

Private industry is the economic engine that runs a stable economy. Government controlled internet is unconstitutional at its core and will surely be met with intense and highly expensive legal opposition. The final outcome of course, is a definitive loss for the FCC.

Sherry Thompson  
January 13, 2010, 6:11 pm  
420 Old Farms Rd  
Wilkesboro, North Carolina 28697

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Daniel Thorsen  
January 13, 2010, 6:15 pm  
PO Box 1264  
Prior Lake, Minnesota 55372

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Agnes and Leonard Tillerson  
January 13, 2010, 6:18 pm  
6014 Fossilwood Ct.  
Erie, Pennsylvania 16506

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Thomas Tipton  
January 13, 2010, 6:18 pm  
14895 North Bank Road  
Roseburg, Oregon 97470

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Thank You for your attention in this matter

Richard Tod  
January 13, 2010, 6:22 pm  
18350 Blue Heron Dr W  
Northville, Michigan 48168

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Dan Tomaselli  
January 13, 2010, 6:28 pm  
97 West Norwalk Road  
Number 17  
Norwalk, Connecticut 6850

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Brandan` Topham  
January 13, 2010, 6:49 pm  
35133 Sprague River RD  
Sprague River, Oregon 97639

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I would add to that the less government is involved in something the better it works. So far I have not heard any complaints with how the internet is working so stay out of it.

Alittle Totheleft  
January 13, 2010, 6:51 pm  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Not Washington, District of Columbia 21001

As someone who Is NOT an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am NOT condoning this statemen: regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Charlotte Tournear  
January 13, 2010, 6:56 pm  
2065 College  
Quincy, Illinois 62301

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January 13, 2010, 7:02 pm  
8725 NE Milton St.  
Portland, Oregon 97220

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Shelley Townley  
January 13, 2010, 7:06 pm  
113 Terrence Ct.  
Greer, South Carolina 29650

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In addition, when the Government is allowed to make decisions about content, or to favor who should have priority, **FREE SPEECH WILL BE DEAD! NET NEUTRALITY IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STAND.**

Brian Tremblay  
January 13, 2010, 7:28 pm  
218 Longview Drive  
Smithfield, North Carolina 27577

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And last but not least, get out of our pocketbooks, our businesses and our lives. Your justifications for this and other freedom-reducing legislation don't hold water, are abhorrent to the concepts of individual liberty and free markets and will ultimately cost consumers more. You were elected to represent your constituents, not rob them of their freedoms as you deliberately and systematically reshape the look and feel of the United States.

Cindy Trent  
January 13, 2010, 7:29 pm  
130 Fisherman Rd.  
Satsuma, Florida 32189

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Jim Tribble  
January 13, 2010, 7:53 pm  
5218 Overlea Drive  
Greensboro, North Carolina 27407

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The Internet should remain open and without government restrictions of any kind! Many businesses rely on the Internet to do business. Government involvement and intervention would only serve to further limit the growth of a free market. Please vote to keep government regulations and bureaucrats away from the Internet.

Jim Trimble  
January 13, 2010, 7:58 pm  
720 Whitefoot Lane  
Effingham, South Dakota 29541

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In short, keep your hands off of the internet.

Allan Trotter  
January 13, 2010, 8:02 pm  
68 Betta View St.  
Jacksonville, Alabama 36265

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If more capacity is needed, business will supply it in order to make a profit. We need do nothing to stifle the development of the internet.

Matt Trummer  
January 13, 2010, 8:02 pm  
1251 Beacon Hill Drive  
Highlands Ranch, Colorado 80126

Why does the Government have to rule the internet. Because when technology is better than a government ruled "Snail Mail" then they hate it and must tax it. So continue to kill break through technology with corrupt taxation, as you did my father's small family business.

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Don Tucker  
January 13, 2010, 8:14 pm  
5491 Taylors Run Dr  
Clemmons, North Carolina 27012-7075

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Keep the Internet free - keep the government out of this arena. Go work on something that is broken.

sally tucker  
January 13, 2010, 8:23 pm  
4591 n lena  
bh, Florida 34465

Preserve the Internet: NO on GN Docket No. 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

Leave us alone already! Get out of our lives and KEEP OUT OF OUR INTERNET!

Thomas and Susan Tucker  
January 13, 2010, 8:44 pm  
6083 Tara Lane  
Collinsville, Illinois 62234

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Who do you people think you are? I guess you feel that answering that question would be beneath you!

Rebecca Tunis  
January 13, 2010, 8:47 pm  
483 Big Red Ct.  
Sparland, Illinois 61565

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I would also add that I am for LESS GOVERNMENT NOT MORE. I think that your priorities should lie somewhere more important than to take away more of our freedoms.

C. TURNER  
January 13, 2010, 8:53 pm  
4638 NOTTINGHAM DRIVE  
SUITE H  
LAFAYETTE, Indiana 47909

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Charles. TURNER  
January 13, 2010, 8:54 pm  
4638 NOTTINGHAM DRIVE  
LAFAYETTE, Indiana 47909

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Nancy Turner  
January 13, 2010, 8:54 pm  
4638 Nottingham Drive  
Lafayette, Indiana 47909

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Teresa Turner  
January 13, 2010, 9:02 pm  
6270 Jones Rd  
College park, Georgia 30349

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LEAVE THE INTERNET ALONE> THIS IS NOT CHINA NOR IRAN!

C. TURNER,M.D.  
January 13, 2010, 9:14 pm  
3554 PROMENADE PARKWAY  
SUITE H  
LAFAYETTE, Indiana 47909

Please help stop the destruction of our freedoms.

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Ann Ubelis  
January 13, 2010, 9:18 pm  
11 Marsh St  
Beaufort, South Carolina 29907

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Kathryn Ubl  
January 13, 2010, 9:30 pm  
1610 Keystone Drive  
Albert Lea, Minnesota 56007

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Leo Udee  
January 13, 2010, 9:31 pm  
81 Yacoub Ln  
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54935

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"Net Neutrality" only describes what will be the Collateral Damage that will be caused by this proposed over reaching control.

Richard Uhlig  
January 13, 2010, 9:31 pm  
3260 Crossings Court #14  
Bonita Springs, Florida 34134

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Bottom line is - KEEP THE GOVERNMENT OUT OF THE BUSINESS OF MANAGING THE INTERNET! Let free enterprise decide what works best, and competition to keep prices in line.

Nathan Ulery  
January 13, 2010, 9:37 pm  
1944 N. Stanton Court  
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004

I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

Simply said, private businesses that build private networks to connect to the Internet should be able to make their own decisions regarding how to manage those connections.

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Bryan Unsell  
January 13, 2010, 9:53 pm  
10952 Griffin Dr  
Vance, Alabama 35490

GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

Everything you are talking about has not happened and will not happen as long as the internet stays as much government free as possible. It will only become that way if the government gets involved and then creates monopolies. I say leave the internet alone in it's current form. It concerns me to see the government wanting to take over something that works totally fine in it's current capitalistic form. Freedom makes our country great, not regulation.

Still don't see the purpose behind this at all? What the video said made no sense what so ever. Keep the internet free please.

Brian Upton-Rowley  
January 13, 2010, 9:57 pm  
12124 194th Ave NE  
Redmond, Washington 98053

As an American, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

Do not mess with the Internet. It is now the most free means of speech available to you and to me. Government regulation is not needed. It is highly competitive. It is also highly responsive to customers and their demands. I oppose government control.

With control or regulation by government, control over content will follow. That is unacceptable.

I became a citizen because of my love of the freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution. Do not mess with this freedom. You may think you are enhancing the freedom or even expanding it. Your proposed actions will eventually reduce it.

It works now. "It aint broke". Don't break it in the name of fixing it.

You may not like the content of many sites for social, political, religious , or other reasons. That is fine. I do not either. But by using the vast powers of the government and regulators to tax, set policy, and restrict content is unacceptable. It is unacceptable for you as a regulator to try to take the freedom of it away. Drop the idea.

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This too is unacceptable.

LaVera & James Valle  
January 13, 2010, 10:04 pm  
7117 Pontiac Circle  
Chanhassen, Minnesota 55317

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Our constitution and bill of rights call for freedom and freedom of speech, religion, etc. You are taking all of that away with any rights whatsoever. God help us all.

Frank van Dalen  
January 13, 2010, 10:06 pm  
3021 ne 72nd dr. ste. 9-136  
Vancouver, Washington 98661

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Not to mention it is all UNCONSTITUTIONAL !!!

Brian Van De Beuken  
January 13, 2010, 10:25 pm  
768 W. Golden St.  
Gilbert, Arizona 85233

The Internet flourished as an open market and with little regulation. Now that it is a huge success, Washington is trying to determine how they can insert their heavy hand and gain fees from it's use. Keep your hands off the Internet. It's been more than fine without you mucking things up.

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Julienne VanDerZiel  
January 13, 2010, 10:30 pm  
851 Polo Club Drive  
Austin, Texas 78737

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Willaim VanVliet  
January 13, 2010, 10:30 pm  
13615 South Dixie Hwy  
miami, Florida 33176

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Charles Vark  
January 13, 2010, 10:31 pm  
2558 E Pueblo  
Mesa, Arizona 85204

Keep the government out of controlling the internet.

Sharon Varney-Thurman  
January 13, 2010, 10:35 pm  
2639 S. Dicks Creek Rd.  
LaFayette, Georgia 30728

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edward vaughan  
January 13, 2010, 10:38 pm  
3274 tex blvd  
fort worth, Texas 76116 4231

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Looks to this writer that this is a matter of freedom of expression just the same as speaking freely about what's on our mind. Such action as being considered is clearly not constitutional in my opinion.

Patrick Vaughan  
January 13, 2010, 10:49 pm  
8341 East 13th Street  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74112

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The internet is an open forum that is available to everyone world wide - a true freedom for all. Regulation or control of the internet by any governmental entity is neither necessary nor desired except that it may be necessary or desired by the government to control and suppress dissent. There can be no ethical or moral justification for controlling or suppressing dissent or free speech. Our founding fathers warned us against allowing our government such power. I stand with them. Leave the internet open.

Karen Vaughn  
January 13, 2010, 10:50 pm  
43991 John Warner Road  
Temecula, California 92592

Please pay attention to the comments of individuals like myself. The impact of your decision is crucial to maintaining a competitive environment which encourages achievement instead of accepting mediocrity.

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Thank you for your consideration of a differing view regarding this important issue.

Sincerely,  
Karen D. Vaughn

Robert Velon  
January 13, 2010, 10:58 pm  
6700 Butler Road  
Penryn, California 95663

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There has already been too many government takeovers. Leave the Internet alone please!!!

WILLIAM VENRICK  
January 13, 2010, 11:16 pm  
434 Westview Drive  
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

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**WE DO NOT NEED MORE GOVERNMENT CONTROLS!**

rocky venti  
January 13, 2010, 11:17 pm  
4127 cheryl drive  
redding, California 96002

Do you people want to kill the only thing left in this country that is still creating jobs? Manufacturing, production, etc. have all been destroyed and there is no indication any of these things are ever coming back. Most jobs have been moved off-shore and if you take the internet we will turn into a third world country. I realize that is what obama and his cohorts want but we, the American People, are not going to let that happen. If necessary you will see another revolution similar to 1775. Leave the internet alone!!!

Ron Verburg  
January 13, 2010, 11:25 pm  
8409 Moriane Av  
Munster, Indiana 46321

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Vicki Vercher  
January 13, 2010, 11:47 pm  
102 So. Marshall  
Bunkie, Louisiana 71322

To my government: short and sweet: keep your mitts off!!

William Vick  
January 13, 2010, 11:56 pm  
80 Upland Avenue  
Metuchen, New Jersey 8840

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Increased involvement by elected or appointed government officials in the internet arena can only worsen this vital resource. Please leave it competitive and free, or, if it isn't broken, don't fix it!

Bill Vick

Kim Villegas  
January 14, 2010, 12:07 am  
1106 Hollybluf St  
Austin, Texas 78753

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Please remeber - It is "We The People" Not, We The Government"

Dale and Marilyn Voss  
January 14, 2010, 4:24 am  
1404 Jousting Ct  
Annapolis, Maryland 21403

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Beatrice Voytko  
January 14, 2010, 4:52 am  
8927 - G SW 97th Lane Rd  
Ocala, Florida 34481

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

NO... TO GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF THE INTERNET !!!

David Waddoups  
January 14, 2010, 5:48 am  
4317 OPAL AVE TRLR #42  
Pocatello, Idaho 83204

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Gwen Wadell  
January 14, 2010, 6:47 am  
300 N. Van Hoorebeke Rd.  
Joplin, Missouri 64801

I respectfully submit the following regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Linda Wagner  
January 14, 2010, 7:13 am  
1765 Elmhurst Lane  
Concord, California 94521

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We are fed up with the government interfering in everything we do! We have had enough of this! Stop the takeover of the internet!

thomas wahl  
January 14, 2010, 7:14 am  
1254 Pondoray circle  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84117

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I uphold the 1st amendment in the Constitution which guarantees freedom of speech and expression: uncensored by big government. I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Gene Waldenmaier  
January 14, 2010, 7:19 am  
7011 River road  
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22407-2331

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Bla...Bla Just keep away from the internet. There is absolutely no need for Government intervention. Let free enterprise remain free.

There is not one service that the government provides contrary to our constitution that the free system could not improve upon.

Diane Waldrop  
January 14, 2010, 7:20 am  
519 Woodmere Crossing  
St. Charles, Missouri 63303

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Barbara Walker  
January 14, 2010, 7:24 am  
19990 S. Hwy. RA  
Fair Play, Missouri 65649

Every congressman and senator should be fire along with the president of our great country for the harm they are putting on the USA citizens. Obama may apologize for the USA, but this country has done more good for others than any other country. As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Gregory Wallace  
January 14, 2010, 7:33 am  
1100 Bellflower Rd NE  
Minerva, Ohio 44657

With regards to an open internet please consider the following coments made by me, a patriot: GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

Government imposed regulations and taxes on telephone services has made it an expensive and often times a cumbersome, unreliable means of communication and information. But, that is certainly not a surprise. You cannot name one service that is run efficiently by government when compared to the same service run by a private entity. The sheeple of this county will soon learn that with the socialized healthcare being forced upon them by a government that is NOT responsive to the needs and desires of the citizens it is to be serving. Capitalism works and works far better than the socialistic and communistic forms of government that are being thrust upon us by our politicians and their moronic, electorate that produces nothing and only lives on the public dole. However, Capitalism only works when government does NOT interfere. This has been proven over the last 234 years in this country. From 1776 through 1912 capitalism had escalated the United States to the position of the country with the highest standard of living in the world, while having NO debt. How was this accomplished? Simple, the damn government kept it's thieving hands out of the workings of capitalism. Then in 1913 the federal government (aka thieves) instituted the Federal Reserve and income tax. These undermined capitalism two ways. 1) Diluted the sovereignty status of this once illustrious nation by forfeiting the control of it's currency, in large part, to other countries through the federal reserve. 2) Financing the advancement of socialism and communism through the income tax. Since 1913 taxation has gradually increased to it's current obscene amount, and it's still escalating. The taxation is financing organizations such as labor unions and ACORN, and to buy controlling interest in railroad, banking, and automotive industries. Hell, tax dollars are even given to U.S. companies that build manufacturing plants in foreign countries. This serves only to tear down private enterprise, and to enslave the people of this country.

The internet works very well in it's current state. People get information quickly, people and companies make money, and pleasure is obtained through the internet. MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT (AKA THIEVES) KEEP YOUR DAMN HANDS OUT OF THE INTERNET.

Kenneth H Wallace  
January 14, 2010, 7:38 am  
1336 Robinhood Drive  
Elgin, Illinois 60120

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Skip and Jean Wallin  
January 14, 2010, 7:39 am  
804 Brownwood Circle  
Jonesboro, Arkansas 72404

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Joan Wallis  
January 14, 2010, 7:42 am  
109 W. Rosa Drive  
Green Valley, Arizona 85614

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Besides these reasons, putting restrictions on Internet communication violates the Free Speech guaranteed by the First Amendment!!

Brad Walls  
January 14, 2010, 7:43 am  
PO Box 472  
Kechi, Kansas 67067

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Art Walter  
January 14, 2010, 7:43 am  
4614 77th Ave NW  
Gig Harbor, Washington 98335

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David Walter  
January 14, 2010, 7:45 am  
2632 Kelly Street  
Livermore, California 94551

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NO government take over of the internet!!!

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Richard Walter  
January 14, 2010, 7:49 am  
Green  
Elkton, Maryland 21921

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Jean Walters  
January 14, 2010, 8:02 am  
16 Noble Lane  
Rome, New York 13440

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John Walters  
January 14, 2010, 8:13 am  
33 Oakbridge Ct #1  
Madison, Wisconsin 53717

The following argument can be made in generalized form against any command and control rules enacted by regulatory agencies/bureaucracies without discussion and position taking by our legislation and executive branches. The legislative branch should not cede its responsibility of crafting the laws and regulations that guide the lives of their constituents.

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Diane Walz  
January 14, 2010, 8:25 am  
1130 Tiverton  
Schaumburg, Illinois 60193

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My husband and I do not want government controlling the internet OR our healthcare and we also do NOT want Cap & Trade. LESS government is what most Americans are looking for, not more. WHEN will you listen? ..or will it take being voted out? Americans (in a MAJORITY ROLE) are speaking. HEAR US FOR A CHANGE!!!!!!!!!!!!

Lawrence Wangler  
January 14, 2010, 8:27 am  
7687 E. Mary Sharon Drive  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85266-1834

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C. K. Wanner  
January 14, 2010, 8:31 am  
2562 Primrose Ln.  
York, Pennsylvania 17404

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Finally, I must wholeheartedly agree with the assessment of Commissioner Baker that new rules are not necessary or useful at this time and that the government's legal authority to regulate the internet has not been established.

Sylvia Waqnn  
January 14, 2010, 8:34 am  
302 Toll Circle  
Bluffton, Indiana 46714

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Even though this is a form letter, I agree with the fact that Government STAY OUT of controlling the Internet!!!

Kathi Ward  
January 14, 2010, 8:41 am  
940 Merlin Drive  
San Diego, California 92114

I do not want the Government taking over the internet by misleading us into thinking it is for the good of all of us. It is NOT! It is an infringement upon our right to Freedom of Speech! This is a right given to us as documented in the US Constitution! Apparently you have not read the Constitution for some time - please do - and while you are at it - please find the authority in there to force Americans to buy healthcare plans. YOU WON'T FIND IT!!!  
PLEASE START DOING WHAT YOU TOOK AN OATH TO DO - UPHOLDING THE US CONSTITUTION - START THERE - THEN WE CAN DISCUSS OTHER ISSUES!

Rick Ward  
January 14, 2010, 8:42 am  
PO Box 257  
Manns Harbor, North Carolina 27953

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Barbara Wardwell  
January 14, 2010, 8:44 am  
335 West First Street  
Reno, Nevada 89503

The bill of rights guarantees freedom of speech. Government control of the internet severely hinders this freedom and would be unconstitutional. The government has far too much control over us already and is operating way outside of the bounds anticipated by the founding fathers of this great nation. Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. If you want to regulate something, regulate the removal of the kiddie porn, terrorist plots, and other illegal activity. Until you get that right, leave the rest alone.

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Marie Warhola  
January 14, 2010, 8:48 am  
157-51 23 Avenue  
Whitestone, New York 11357

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In short, HANDS OFF!

James Warner  
January 14, 2010, 8:57 am  
312 N. Myrtle  
Elmhurst, Illinois 60126

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Donna Washburn  
January 14, 2010, 9:05 am  
6527 Grovewood  
Houston, Texas 77008

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Government control is going beyond what our fore-fathers built this country on, what happened to America land of the free? How many more restrictions do we have to withstand because of government? Will the restrictions apply to those in government? Like the rest of their rules and restrictions, probably not. Can government STOP taxing the people?

Jeannit Waterwall  
January 14, 2010, 9:15 am  
3917 Apache Drive  
Mount Vernon, Washington 98273

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We the people of America are weary of the people in Congress attempting to replace our liberty with their tyranny. Most of us are willing to resist the takeover of our country by liberal socialists.

S. Watford  
January 14, 2010, 9:16 am  
1098 Simmonsridge Drive  
Collierville, Tennessee 38017

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If in fact you pass this, I will stop using the internet and do everything in my power to get as many people as possible to do the same. I am 100% against this and so is everyone else I mention it to. I am as well as most Americans and people on this planet AGAINST GOVERNMENT CONTROL OVER ANYTHING. Living without the internet (which I use every day mind you) will not be hard to do if you pull this controlling stunt.

Steve Watson  
January 14, 2010, 9:38 am  
718 Saddlewood Drive  
Wauconda, Illinois 60084

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Ed Watts  
January 14, 2010, 9:41 am  
473 Santa Rosa St.  
San Jacinto, California 92583

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Government has never fixed anything; everything that government touches is either crippled or killed.

Gwen Watts  
January 14, 2010, 9:55 am  
P.O.Box 31  
Turner, Maine 4282

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No more government takeovers!! Read the CONSTITUTION.

Gwen Watts  
Maine

Howard Wayland  
January 14, 2010, 9:57 am  
11902 Susan Forest LN  
Houston, Texas 77089

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The Internet is highly competitive. There is no need for government intervention in either sites or fiber optics systems. Everything works very well without the government and needs no intervention.

Adding envisioned burden of proof for requiring network management practices is unreasonably restrictive and will prevent business models that may be economically efficient. This will impose uncertainty and create litigation risks. Such restrictions would lower the rate of return on investments in building network capacity to the point that some of those investments would no longer make economic sense. There is no need for the government to become involved or add added burdens to network management practices.

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gary weathers  
January 14, 2010, 10:16 am  
133 snyder st.  
new albany, Mississippi 38652

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Graham Webster-Gardiner  
January 14, 2010, 10:23 am  
3675 Old Dixie Hwy  
Mims, Florida 32754

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Without freedom democracy is worthless, the internet assists freedom. With a heavily biased liberal media , the internet is a vital area for free expression.

Laurence Wegner  
January 14, 2010, 10:54 am  
9266 Crescent Beach Rd  
Sand Point, Michigan 48755

Leave our internet alone, this is one way we can exercise our FREEDOM OF SPEECH!

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Darrell Wehlmann  
January 14, 2010, 11:05 am  
28842 Mahon  
Hockley, Texas 77447

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James Weiaa  
January 14, 2010, 11:12 am  
13 Wright Farm Road  
Concord, Massachusetts 1742

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James Weiser  
January 14, 2010, 11:42 am  
3101 Cty 45 NW  
Hackensack, Minnesota 56452

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Susan Weldy  
January 14, 2010, 12:23 pm  
203 Boxwood Circle  
Brandon, Mississippi 39047

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More "Change" I can do without.

Harry Wells  
January 14, 2010, 1:08 pm  
44 Salisbury Drive  
Westwood, Massachusetts 2090

"Open Internet" is a huge misnomer. It should be called Closed Internet. But if you insist, let's change the name to The Senator Nelson Internet -- that is how open it will be.

Annette Wernhoff  
January 14, 2010, 1:35 pm  
339 KUBE Rd  
Grangeville, Idaho 83522

Enough, the federal government needs to stay away from more control - including the internet. I do not see that written in the constitution?

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Patricia Wendling  
January 14, 2010, 1:50 pm  
2111 Salem Church Road  
Irmo, South Carolina 29063

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Basically- stay out of my life and quit trying to take control of everything...We the People do not need you and if we do, we will ask...but don't hold your breath waiting for that to happen!!!

Stephen Wendt  
January 14, 2010, 2:14 pm  
7385 Wyandot Lane  
Liberty Township, Ohio 45044

Dear Reader, Please consider the following. As an American for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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B. E. & S. F. Wenke  
January 14, 2010, 2:17 pm  
5882 W Del Lago Circle  
Glendale, Arizona 95308

We are submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Charles Wenzel  
January 14, 2010, 2:29 pm  
624 Marana Drive  
Carmel, Indiana 46032

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Mike Wenzel  
January 14, 2010, 2:34 pm  
3256 Sagewater Ct  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80528

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SCOTT WERDEBAUGH  
January 14, 2010, 2:38 pm  
1050 SOUTH EVERGREEN DRIVE  
INDEPENDENCE, Oregon 97351-1619

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Moreover, restrictions on internet content is a violation of my Constitutional rights to FREE speech. For this reason any restrictions, including such restrictions now being contemplated, are therefore unconstitutional, whoever places such restrictions on the public's right to free speech.

Nancy Weres  
January 14, 2010, 2:42 pm  
9745 Old Placerville RD apt. 1  
Sacramento, California 95827

Re: GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

I am against the proposed "Open Internet" changes because they violate the First Amendment of the Constitution. I appreciate your hard work, but recognize that you were appointed, not elected, and have no authority to radically change the Internet. If the Founders had wanted appointed Commissions and Departments to make significant decisions about American life, they would have put that in the Constitution. The Constitution also states that powers not given to the Federal government belong to the states or to the citizens, except to aid the "general welfare." The proposal does not help all Americans generally, but helps some and hurts others.

Thank you.

Cheri Werner  
January 14, 2010, 2:52 pm  
354 Runner Road  
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Enough government intervention in our lives already. FCC: scratch the 'Open Internet' idea.

Mark Weshinsky  
January 14, 2010, 3:08 pm  
11194 Edwards Farm Lane  
Purcellville, Virginia 20132

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Elmer G. West  
January 14, 2010, 3:20 pm  
514 Saipan Place  
San Antonio, Texas 78221-2935

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Sincerely,

Elmer G. West

Frances West  
January 14, 2010, 3:49 pm  
620 ACR 308  
Frankston, Texas 75763

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Sandy West  
January 14, 2010, 5:08 pm  
143 Lakeview  
Fritch, Texas 79036

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Thomas West  
January 14, 2010, 5:24 pm  
9611 W 56th Terr  
Merriam, Kansas 66203

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William Westerman  
January 14, 2010, 5:28 pm  
11404 Caravel Circle  
FT. Myers, Florida 33908

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Steve Westfall  
January 14, 2010, 5:36 pm  
P.O. Box 6995  
Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina 28469

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Please, leave The Internet alone!

Regards,

jERRY WESTON  
January 14, 2010, 5:39 pm  
po bOX 294  
nORTH HIGHLANDS, California 95660-0294

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Lawrence Whalley  
January 14, 2010, 6:12 pm  
50 Bright Oaks Circle  
Cary, Illinois 60013-1551

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More government means less freedom. Keep your hands off the internet.

kim whatcott  
January 14, 2010, 6:14 pm  
1318 east harold drive  
san tan valley, Arizona 85140

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Norman Wheatly  
January 14, 2010, 6:32 pm  
2906 Holly Hall  
Houston, Texas 77054

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Name one thing the government runs that turns a profit?

USPS...NO

AMTRAK...NO

The Chicken Ranch Brothel....NOPE

Medicare/Medicade/Social Security....NO.

What makes you think we want the FCC to control the internet, you can handle TV or Radio.

Sidney Wheeler  
January 14, 2010, 7:00 pm  
906 live Oak Lane  
Fleming Island, Florida 32003

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John P Wheelus Jr  
January 13, 2010, 12:32 pm  
1708 E Annona Ave  
Tampa, Florida 33612

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No Government intervention.

Carol White  
January 13, 2010, 12:39 pm  
15050 N 8th Way  
Phoenix, Arizona 85022

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

I was born when there was no internet. I am thrilled to live in a country that allows freedom to invent and develop. I do not want the internet or other phone and cable communication systems controlled by the government. It needs to remain part of the free market so richly and uniquely American.

Douglas White  
January 13, 2010, 12:40 pm  
2804 Crestwood Rd.  
Smyrna, Georgia 30080

Keep your commie leaning, panty wearing hands off my computer and my internet connection or your gonna pay hell for it.

Sincerely,  
Douglas W. White

James White  
January 13, 2010, 12:41 pm  
3912 Cresthill Road  
Chester, Virginia 23831

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I am a retired AF Colonel. I believe in the Constitution. I believe in free speech. I do not want any further restrictions on free speech nor do I want you to regulate the internet, which would defacto place restrictions on free speech. I do not want any internet taxes. I do not want anyone regulating any part of my life, and that includes internet usage. Please understand the message I (and many others) am telling you. We want you to leave the internet alone!!!! Now, read the following additional comments and pay close attention to the meaning.

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JD White  
January 13, 2010, 12:44 pm  
7555 Princeton Glendale Rd  
Hamilton, Ohio 45011

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Judith E White  
January 13, 2010, 12:47 pm  
201 Union Ave. S. E. #59  
Renton, Washington 98059

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Richard White  
January 13, 2010, 12:49 pm  
15050 N 8th Way  
Phoenix, Arizona 85022

I oppose the proposed intrusive regulation of the internet contained in the docket, "In the Matter of Preserving the Open Internet". My family has used several different internet service providers in the past fifteen years, and we are pleased with the improvements in service and the broad selection of providers which have developed in that time. We do not see evidence that ISP's are abusing the public in any manner which would justify FCC intervention.

Please devote your time and attention to matters more worthy of them.

Yours truly,  
Richard White  
Phoenix, AZ

Thomas White  
January 13, 2010, 12:50 pm  
1300 W. Broward Blvd  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312

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William White  
January 13, 2010, 12:54 pm  
97 Sunset Road  
Carlisle, Massachusetts 1741

Government regulation is not appropriate.

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Margaret and Ken Whitehead  
January 13, 2010, 12:56 pm  
809 Ridge Place  
Falls Church, Virginia 22046

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Terree Whitehead  
January 13, 2010, 12:58 pm  
3005 Hidden Lakae Dr.  
Duluth, Georgia 30096

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We are very weary of the continued money grabbing from all. There will soon be nothing to grab from anyone. Consider what this is doing to your bottom line. Your Customers so to speak.

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Consider what this would do to all business and just general communications within families. Is this what we pay for? Americans are asking this question with issue of today. Please rethink this attempt, the internet should stay neutral, period.

Barb Whitham  
January 13, 2010, 1:02 pm  
1109 Oak Forest Dr  
FT Worth, Texas 76114

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George Whitley  
January 13, 2010, 1:02 pm  
637 Jordan Ridge Lane  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

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The Internet has become the greatest tool of freedom in the last 100 years. It should be allowed to grow and spread freedom and enlightenment worldwide.

Hal C. Whitley  
January 13, 2010, 1:02 pm  
1126 N Fletcher  
Fernandina Bch, Florida 32034

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Dwight Whitlock  
January 13, 2010, 1:03 pm  
117 Brereton Drive  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27615

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The Internet is a highly competitive open medium. As such it has greatly impacted the monopoly of newspapers and traditional TV news to control the information flow to US citizens by opening free speech to a level not available since our founding fathers brandished their "illegal" presses during the times preceding the American Revolution. Now we are entering into a time where the open internet is allowing competition with the traditional "phone" and traditional "cable" companies. This is American capitalism at the purest. The combination of these elements are behind the drive to "control the internet as it is the one media that no one has control of.

"Net Neutrality" have been ringing alarm bells now for so many years (starting with the November 19, 2002 letter to the Commission from the so-called "Coalition of Broadband Users and Innovators") that their claims should be heavily discounted. There is no concrete evidence of discriminatory or anti-competitive behavior, there is simply no rationale for imposing new regulations other than the .

Robert Whitton  
January 13, 2010, 1:04 pm  
174 Shepherds Way  
Morganton, Georgia 30560

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Billy Whitworth  
January 13, 2010, 1:05 pm  
2250 Donelson Drive  
Hickory Withe, Tennessee 38028

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Jon Wicke  
January 13, 2010, 1:05 pm  
1170 Black Hawk Rd  
Eaton, Colorado 80615

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Jerry Wickman  
January 13, 2010, 1:06 pm  
13015 NE Broadway  
Portland, Oregon 97230

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Diane Wickstrom  
January 13, 2010, 1:07 pm  
4632 Ridgeview Cy.  
Wis. Rapids, Wisconsin 54494

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Please keep the free market success of the internet intact. Don't allow the government interfere and move ahead with "Open Internet".

Thomas Wictor  
January 13, 2010, 1:12 pm  
15843 E. San Jose Avenue  
La Puente, California 91744

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John Wiebe  
January 13, 2010, 1:13 pm  
1390 Alison Court  
Westminster, Maryland 21158

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Rachael Wierenga  
January 13, 2010, 1:16 pm  
7338 Oakhaven Ct. NE  
Ada, Michigan 49301

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Sincerely,

Rachael Wierenga

James Wigal  
January 13, 2010, 1:21 pm  
218 Thompson Run Road  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15237

As an American Taxpayer, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Mike Wiley  
January 13, 2010, 1:22 pm  
11016 Linden Leaf Ave.  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89144

As an American and a free one at that, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

The Internet is protected speech under the first amendment. No government action should be taken against it.

To do so is a violation of your oath of office and punishable by incarceration.

You will be held accountable for your actions.

Mike Wiley  
Republican Candidate for US Senate

Brian Wilfong  
January 13, 2010, 1:25 pm  
48 N. Williams St.  
Newark, Ohio 43055

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Kristine Wilkins  
January 13, 2010, 1:31 pm  
1031 Webster Drive  
Sandy, Utah 84093

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Patrice Wilkins  
January 13, 2010, 1:33 pm  
PO Box 2013  
Everett, Washington 98213

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Plus stopping the Government from trying to take control of the United States..

scott wilkinson  
January 13, 2010, 1:33 pm  
690 kimberly  
Birmingham, Michigan 48009

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Carroll Williams  
January 13, 2010, 1:36 pm  
5077 Saw Grass Drive  
Northampton, Pennsylvania 18067

I am an every-day user of the Internet. I use to communicate with relatives, friends, fellow retirees and business associates. I DON'T want government sticking their nose in the public domain. The Internet has operated well enough without Big Brother (FCC) breathing down our throats. We don't need any more big government.

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Retha Williams  
January 13, 2010, 1:37 pm  
2122 71st Street  
Lubbock, Texas 79412

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To me this is just another invasion of our privacy and our rights to free speech. The only reason they are wanting to do this is so we has Americans can't communicate to each other and keep things moving in America. I'm highly opposed to Government intervening with the internet.

Charles B Williams Jr  
January 13, 2010, 1:38 pm  
24675 Gold Star Drive  
Moreno Valley, California 92551

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Cheryl Willis  
January 13, 2010, 1:43 pm  
1115 Ave. C, trailer 5  
Kearney, Nebraska 68847

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Gene Willis  
January 13, 2010, 1:45 pm  
917 Bluff Drive  
Lebanon, Tennessee 37087

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

There is NOTHING "OPEN" about the "Open Internet" proposal! It is just ONE MORE attempt of the current administration's SOCIALIST AGENDA to destroy MY COUNTRY. If you buy into this absurd plot, you will be fueling the fire that will soon destroy the last vestiges of The Constitution of the United States of America.

NO "commission" has the LEGAL power to change anything! We have an ELECTED Congress to do that.

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but it is our duty to leave liberty to them. We have  
counted the cost of this contest, and we find  
nothing so dreadful as voluntary slavery."

John Dickinson  
Signer of the U.S. Constitution  
From Delaware

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Jon Wilson  
January 13, 2010, 1:47 pm  
933 Mancos Way  
Fruita, Colorado 81521

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Sincerely,  
Jon Wilson

linda wilson  
January 13, 2010, 1:48 pm  
3813 scarborough dr  
new haven, Indiana 46774

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Marian Wilson  
January 13, 2010, 1:50 pm  
455 Longridge Drive  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15243

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Mark Wilson  
January 13, 2010, 1:59 pm  
1254 Cobble Pond Way  
Vienna, Virginia 22182

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The Government should not be in the communications business, period.

Melinda Wiman  
January 13, 2010, 2:02 pm  
1997 Vista Del Valle Blvd  
El Cajon, California 92019

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

If government exercises control over the Internet, there will be no place to turn.

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STEVEN WINDROSS  
January 13, 2010, 2:04 pm  
236 Hickory Dr  
Lena, Illinois 61048

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Linda Winks  
January 13, 2010, 2:04 pm  
5765 Cairo Rd  
Westerville, Ohio 43081-4006

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sue winn  
January 13, 2010, 2:05 pm  
5528 S. Independence  
Okla. City, Oklahoma 73119

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Lucye K. Winn-Stanton  
January 13, 2010, 2:10 pm  
Ashley Rd  
Milton, Florida 32583

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**STOP THE DESPOILERS BEFORE ALL OUR LIBERTIES HAVE BEEN DESECRATED AND DESTROYED!**

Holly Winsman  
January 13, 2010, 2:11 pm  
13500 Turtle Marsh Loop #816  
Orlando, Florida 32837

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The American people WILL NOT live in a socialist country where the government controls everything including internet. NO NET NEUTRALITY. Cease and desist immediately!

Holly Winsman  
January 13, 2010, 2:25 pm  
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The government needs to keep their hands off the internet. WE DO NOT NEED GOVERNMENT RUN ANYTHING!!!!  
KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Jared Wise  
January 13, 2010, 2:30 pm  
224 Nellis  
Goldsboro, North Carolina 27534

If the government took control of the internet that would be just one more step towards a socialist society. It seems to me that the democrats are slowly trying to control every aspect of our lives. If the "open Internet" proposal goes through, the next government take over will be TV and/or radio. The internet is currently the only medium that someone such as myself with no media connections to vent my political strife. If the government takes over what would stop them from silencing my my and other's words?

Long Live the First Ammendment!!!

Rick Wittock  
January 13, 2010, 2:40 pm  
2012 Kimmy Lane  
Arnold, Missouri 63010

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James Wolford Jr.  
January 13, 2010, 2:41 pm  
N13677 Old 38 Rd  
Wausaukee, Wisconsin 54177

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I would personally like to add that like anything else in society, there lies the potential for good and evil uses of this mode of communication. As a citizen, I am advocating for the freedom to choose which of that particular content I wish to view or transmit and do not wish to have this freedom replaced with the federal governments idea of what I should be allowed to view or transmit. I have a moral standard of what should be allowed for me based not on my opinion, but on the moral standard found in the Bible. If the government was to make that decision for me, who decides the standard allowed, and what would they base that opinion on?

A poll? Because today's governmental moral standard would not be fixed and unchangeable, like the Bible's, the potential for abuse would be far too great to risk.

Larry Wood  
January 13, 2010, 2:45 pm  
2227 Country Villa CT.  
Auburn, California 95603

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I respectfully urge to leave the internet alone and free.

Steven Woodcock  
January 13, 2010, 2:48 pm  
4565 Allison Drive  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80916

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52. Put simply, the Internet MUST be open and free, unregulated except by its users.

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Jim Woodford  
January 13, 2010, 2:51 pm  
1624 Davidson St  
Jacksonville, Florida 32207

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Andy Woods  
January 13, 2010, 2:55 pm  
1602 Cheatham Dam Rd  
Ashland City, Tennessee 37015-6152

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Sincerely,

Andy Woods

Patricia Woods  
January 13, 2010, 3:08 pm  
2707 7th Avenue  
Pueblo, Colorado 81003

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Steve Woodside  
January 13, 2010, 3:09 pm  
118 KE JO Point Road  
Gravois Mills, Missouri 65037

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Alice Woolard  
January 13, 2010, 3:31 pm  
812 Young St.  
Nokomis, Illinois 62075

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Government I taking away the freedom of the people,rewriting laws that have been in force since the beginning of America,these lawmakers should pack their bags and go where government not freedom is A way of life. Nov and election time is coming so we can clean house!!!!

Susannah Worth  
January 13, 2010, 3:40 pm  
4925 Collins Avenue  
Miami Beach, Florida 33140

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FREE SPEECH means one is FREE TO SPEAK

FREE MARKET PLACE includes the MARKET PLACE OF IDEAS

As an American I want this FREEDOM - Anyone who votes for this in Congress will not get my vote again. NOR will I EVER VOTE FOR THEIR PARTY AGAIN.

Sandy Wray  
January 13, 2010, 3:45 pm  
21705 Ridge Circle  
Elkhorn, Nebraska 68022-2222

THERE IS TOO MUCH GOVERNMENT IN OUR LIVES AS IT IS. GOVERNMENT IS TO PROTECT US...NOT HAVE THEIR NOSE AND HAND IN EVERY ASPECT OF OUR LIVES.

CONCENTRATE ON CUTTING WASTEFUL SPENDING AND WEED OUT THE CORRUPTION THAT IS PROLIFIC IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AMONG ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS AND THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION!!!

ABIDE BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS. IF THOSE DOCUMENTS WERE ADHERED TO OUR ECONOMY, STANDING IN THE WORLD, AND THE CORRUPTION IN ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNEMENT WOULD NOT EXIST.

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Brian Wright  
January 13, 2010, 3:47 pm  
39529 Village Wood Road  
Novi, Michigan 48375

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I do not want the government to control the Internet; it does not respond to market demands, i.e. my demands as a customer. Companies, even privileged corporations, do respond to my demands as a customer. Keep your caveman hands off my Internet.

Robert Wright  
January 13, 2010, 3:57 pm  
161D Pelham Lane  
Monroe Twp., New Jersey 8831

I am demanding that you the government keep your grubby hands and nose out of our lives and the internet As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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steve wright  
January 13, 2010, 4:07 pm  
915 n hawthorne ln  
915 n hawthorne ln  
indpls, Indiana 46219

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

Stay out our lives. The web does not belong to the government!!!!

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Kurt Wuelper  
January 13, 2010, 4:12 pm  
1336 Parker Mountain Road  
Strafford, New Hampshire 3884

As a public minded citizen, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No. 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Nancy Wujcik  
January 13, 2010, 4:29 pm  
1437 County Road 411  
Poplar Bluff, Missouri 63901

I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

I am strongly opposed to the plan for government take over of the internet. Instead, I am supporting the free, unfettered, private sector management of the internet.

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Do not take away another freedom by imposing more government regulation and control in yet another area of our life-the internet. This plan is not for an open internet but a government controlled internet.

Shasta Yankee  
January 13, 2010, 4:46 pm  
190 Burnley Road  
Hartsville, Tennessee 37074

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

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Net Neutrality is a farce and the American people will be able to see right through it.

Annie Yarbrough  
January 13, 2010, 5:17 pm  
12324 Ridgefield Parkway Henrico, VA  
Henrico, Virginia 23233

As an Americans for Prosperity activist, I am submitting the following comment regarding the matter of preserving the open Internet. GN Docket No, 09-191, WC Docket No. 07-52:

As provided by the US Constitution, I have freedom of speech. As provided by God, I have life, liberty and real hope for a future. Communist interference is not what Americans want or will accept. Don't you dare try to limit the freedoms provided to me and every other citizen of the USA who chooses to read and believe!

You do recall the blizzard during the Global Warming Conference in Copenhagen, don't you?

Pamela Yaste  
January 13, 2010, 5:24 pm  
1457 Nine Mile Crossroad W.  
Pikeville, Tennessee 37367

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Stephen Yates  
January 13, 2010, 6:24 pm  
2506 Glynnwood Drive  
Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74006

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Craig and Susan Yocom  
January 13, 2010, 7:20 pm  
26504 Bennett Blvd.  
Monroe, Oregon 97456

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Please keep the government out of the Internet!!!

Jean York  
January 13, 2010, 8:06 pm  
7269 Sandhill Road  
Akron, New York 14001

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Larry York  
January 13, 2010, 8:37 pm  
2200 College Parkway  
Flower Mound, Texas 75028

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Connie Young  
January 13, 2010, 9:32 pm  
PO Box 414  
Mocksville, North Carolina 27028

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Norma Young  
January 13, 2010, 9:35 pm  
9821 Kendale Road  
Potomac, Maryland 20854

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**NO GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF THE INTERNET! YOU ARE POWER HUNGRY! REMEMBER, YOU WORK FOR THE PEOPLE-LISTEN TO US!**

Russell Young  
January 13, 2010, 9:45 pm  
3418 Norwood Ave  
Pennsauken, New Jersey 8109

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Please leave it alone. Unintentioned censorship will be the the result of this regulation.

Philip Yount  
January 13, 2010, 9:45 pm  
11222 SW Cottonwood Lane  
Tigard, Oregon 97223

Hands off the Internet!

Barb Zakszewski  
January 13, 2010, 9:59 pm  
3674 Rochelle Lane  
Apopka, Florida 32712

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It seems like everyday, this administration moves one step closer to Utopian Communism..We must stop the insanity now!!

Mark Zaugg  
January 13, 2010, 10:12 pm  
37 W. 1400 S.  
Bountiful, Utah 84010

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Furthermore, over regulation of the Internet could be considered as restriction of the rights of free speech. The Government need to stay out of free enterprise associated with the Internet.

Christian Zauner  
January 13, 2010, 10:32 pm  
14868 Ne. E.Thompson Court  
Portland, Oregon 97230

The last thing we need is some czar who, like most other czars, knows nothing about her/his area of responsibility. Do not model our internet after China's.

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Gini Zelenak  
January 14, 2010, 6:11 am  
647 Orange Grove Ave #201  
South Pasadena, California 91030

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Cassie Zemke  
January 14, 2010, 6:37 am  
5519 Honor Drive  
Houston, Texas 77041

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New York, Utah 7668

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Mark Ziebart  
January 14, 2010, 9:26 am  
6175 Habitat Dr. #3076  
Boulder, Colorado 80301-3225

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Jeffrey Zoffke  
January 14, 2010, 10:02 am  
1101 Church Rd.  
Angola, New York 14006

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Keep the internet as a free form of communication. The government and its many agencies have intruded into too many parts of our lives already. The stupidity must stop. Stop stepping on our freedoms or eventually pay for your actions.

Fred Zolg  
January 14, 2010, 10:59 am  
3712 Belfast Ave  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45236

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